



James Comey, President Barack Obama's nominee to be the next FBI director, at his confirmation hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee in Washington.

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## NEW G-MAN

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The U.S. Senate overwhelmingly confirmed James Comey on Monday to become FBI director, elevating the one-time Justice Department official who defied efforts by President George W. Bush's White House to renew a program that allowed warrantless eavesdropping.

Comey was approved 93-1 after one of the Senate's leading conservatives abruptly ended delaying tactics that had blocked a vote on the nomination. Sen. Rand Paul, mentioned as a possible 2016 Republican presidential candidate, had been thwarting the vote over his concerns about the FBI's domestic use of drones.

Minutes before a vote that seemed likely to force an end to his delays, Paul announced he would allow a vote on Comey, saying he'd received a letter from the FBI that answered his questions about drones. Paul was the only "no" vote. The vote led off a week in which majority Democrats were hoping to push a parade of nominations through the chamber.

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## Verdict in Manning Wikileaks trial announced today

Army Pfc. Bradley Manning is escorted out of a courthouse at Fort Mead, Md. Manning is charged with indirectly aiding the enemy by sending troves of classified material to WikiLeaks. He faces up to life in prison. Manning's fate will be announced by a military judge today at 1pm.

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## In Egypt: New violence feared as EU diplomat visits

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Fears of a new round of violent confrontations in Egypt loomed Monday as the Muslim Brotherhood and its allies organized protest marches on Interior Ministry buildings nationwide, in defiance of warnings by the military-led government. The move came as the European Union's top foreign policy official was visiting Cairo and talking to both sides in an attempt to mediate an easing of the crisis. The European official, Catherine Ashton, who arrived in Egypt late Sunday, was meeting with the in-

Egypt's first freely elected president, on July 3.

Morsi's ouster has plunged Egypt into its worst political crisis since the revolution that felled his autocratic predecessor, Hosni Mubarak, in February 2011. The Muslim Brotherhood has characterized the military's action as a coup and has demanded the reinstatement of Morsi, whose whereabouts have not been disclosed since he was removed from office.

In a statement, Ashton said she was exhorting Egypt's interim leaders to make good on their pledge for a cohesive, civilian-led gov-

told Ashton that Egypt's post-Morsi leadership was doing "all what it could in order to reach a peaceful exit to the current crisis," Ahram Online reported.

The Muslim Brotherhood said on its website that Ashton was meeting later with at least four members of the Anti-Coup National Alliance, a protest coordination group formed by the Muslim Brotherhood and its supporters, at a hotel in Egypt's Giza district, where the Islamists have been staging a mass sit-in since Morsi's ouster. The Brotherhood said the delegation would be "embarking from



European Union foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton, left, meets with high-ranking Egyptian politicians in Cairo, Monday, July 29, 2013. Ashton's second visit to Cairo since Morsi was toppled nearly a month ago, underscores the urgency felt after violence that has killed more than 260 people and all but dashed hopes of political reconciliation in the deeply divided country.

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terim president, Adly Mansour; his vice president, Mohamed ElBaradei; and the chief of the armed forces, Gen.

Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi. She also was scheduled to meet with some of the remaining Muslim Brotherhood leaders who have not yet been arrested.

Ashton was the first Western emissary to visit the country after a bloody crackdown in Cairo and elsewhere over the weekend left more than 80 Muslim Brotherhood members and sympathizers dead and hundreds wounded, the second mass killing of Islamists since the military deposed and arrested Mohamed Morsi, an Islamist and

ernment that included all political factions, including the Muslim Brotherhood and its Islamist allies.

"This transitional process must lead - as soon as possible - to a constitutional regime, the holding of free transparent elections and the forming of a Cabinet with a civilian leadership," Ashton's statement said, according to Ahram Online, the website of Egypt's leading newspaper.

There were no immediate details on the outcome of her meetings. But ElBaradei, a Nobel laureate and diplomat whose appointment has been widely seen as an attempt by the interim government to present a friendly liaison to the West,

the platform of constitutional legitimacy, aiming to end the military coup."

The Brotherhood also said it had organized marches of protesters carrying coffins to administration buildings in all Egyptian provinces after evening prayers "to condemn the criminal acts and the firing of live ammunition by Interior Ministry henchmen at peaceful demonstrators."

The interim government has expressed growing impatience with the Islamist demonstrations, and military officials have suggested that they would soon attempt to forcibly remove Islamist protesters from sit-in sites in Cairo and elsewhere. □

## UN rights expert says Syria now in 'free fall'

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UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The head of the U.N. commission investigating human rights abuses in Syria warned Monday that the country is in "free fall" and has become a battlefield where civilians are the main victims of acts of terror, from indiscriminate shelling to rape and sectarian killing.

Paulo Pinheiro told the U.N. General Assembly that "massacres and other unlawful killings are perpetrated with impunity" — most by pro-government forces and some by anti-government armed groups.

He urged the international community to demand a diplomatic solution to the 2 1/2-year conflict that has killed more than 100,000 people.

"The world must hear the cry of the people — stop the violence, put an end to this carnage, halt the destruction of the great country of Syria!" he said. Pinheiro painted a devastating picture of the war-ravaged country: people fleeing to escape bombs from their own government, a collapsing economy and a conflict spilling across borders, "igniting tensions in the whole region."

"The war remains deadlocked as both sides labor under the illusion that a military victory is possible," he said.

He said 4.5 million people are displaced inside Syria, 18 million remain in their homes and have become the first providers of humanitarian aid to their fellow citizens, and more than 2.5 million are unemployed and struggling to survive.

"The estimated cost of the conflict to Syria's economy is between 60 to 80 billion dollars, a third of its pre-war GDP," he said.

The government is relying on its superior weaponry and control of the skies to maintain control of major cities and lines of com-

munications while hundreds of anti-government armed groups have increased operations in the north and south, Pinheiro said.

Few of these rebel groups are able to fight across several fronts, and the majority are seriously fragmented, with fighters shifting allegiances usually to better-equipped and better-funded groups, he said.

Pinheiro demanded that the government stop using imprecise weapons such as unguided missiles, cluster munitions and "thermobaric bombs" on civilian areas.

He said both sides must stop laying siege to cities and towns and cutting off vital supplies of food, water, medicine and electricity. "Civilians are the real victims of this prolonged war," Pinheiro said. "Crimes that shock the conscience have become a dreadful daily reality in Syria."

An untold number of men and women have disappeared from checkpoints and the streets, he said, and those freed from detention "are living with the physical and mental scares of torture."

Pinheiro said a significant proportion of casualties are deaths from indiscriminate or disproportionate shelling from mortars that have landed in streets, barrel bombs that have turned homes into rubble and surface-to-surface missiles that have destroyed not only homes but neighborhoods.

"Of extreme concern is whether both government forces and anti-government armed groups are positioning military objectives within civilian areas, exposing residents to attacks by the opposing side," he said.

He said crimes of sexual violence, including rape, have been documented taking place at checkpoints, during house searches and in detention centers. □



## Police: Woman arrested in DC over vandalism

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Associated Press  
WASHINGTON (AP) — A woman was arrested Monday after green paint was found splattered inside two chapels at the Washington National Cathedral, and police were investigating her in connection with two similar incidents on the U.S. capital's National Mall, authorities said.

The woman was arrested in the area of the cathedral shortly after the paint was found, Assistant D.C. Police Chief Peter Newsham said. Investigators were hoping to question her about the vandalism on the Mall, including at the Lincoln Memorial, but a language barrier delayed the interrogation, Newsham said.

The woman would likely be charged with destruction of property, Newsham said.

Green paint was found early Friday morning on the Lincoln Memorial, and symbols were found painted in green later Friday on another statue on the Mall. The Lincoln Memorial was closed temporarily but reopened later Friday.

Officials at the cathedral discovered the paint inside two chapels Monday afternoon. It was still wet, which led them to believe the vandalism had just occurred. Officials called police immediately and closed the cathedral to visitors while authorities searched the grounds.

The paint was splashed onto an organ and on the floor inside the cathedral's historic Bethlehem Chapel on the basement level, officials said. It was also found inside Children's Chapel in the nave of the cathedral. Also Monday, U.S. Park Police said green paint was found on the statue of Joseph Henry outside the headquarters of the Smithsonian Institution on the Mall. Henry was the Smithsonian's first secretary.

Meanwhile, crews continued working Monday to remove the paint from the Lincoln Memorial. □

## Fast-food workers in NYC stage strikes, rallies

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Associated Press  
NEW YORK (AP) — Workers at McDonald's, Burger King and Wendy's restaurants across New York walked out

what activists called "abusive labor practices."

"It's noisy, it's really hot, fast, they rush you. Sometimes you don't even get breaks. All for \$7.25? It's crazy," said Nathalia Sepul-

Manhattan, workers chanted "we can't survive on \$7.25" and "supersize our wages." At the Wendy's, the crowd shouted at customers not to go in and two police officers were

across America this week, organized by the national Fast Food Forward campaign, which was launched last year to tackle stagnating wages and the proliferation of low-wage jobs as the nation recovers from the recession, said campaign director Jonathan Westin.

"The workers' actions will lift up all of New York City," he said. "If they have more money in their pockets, they'll spend it right here, helping to boost the entire economy."

Doubling the minimum wage would have a "significant effect on the private sector's ability to create jobs, especially those typically filled by first-time workers and teens," said Scott DeFife of the National Restaurant Association. McDonald's had directed requests for comment to the trade group.

Spokesmen for Burger King and Wendy's both said they respect the rights of their workers.

"We're proud that Wendy's provides a place where thousands of people with different backgrounds and education levels can enter the workforce," said Wendy's spokesman Bob Bertini. □



**Demonstrators in support of fast food workers protest outside a McDonald's as they demand higher wages and the right to form a union without retaliation, Monday, July 29, 2013, in New York's Union Square. Activists say hundreds of workers have walked off their jobs. They are demanding a minimum wage increase and calling for better benefits.**

(AP Photo/John Minchillo)

Monday in a one-day strike to demand better pay and the right to unionize, calling for minimum wage to more than double from \$7.25 to \$15 an hour and the end to

veda, who works at a McDonald's opposite Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, where one protest took place.

Outside the McDonald's as well as a Wendy's in lower

stationed inside.

They were among hundreds of people who took part at locations throughout New York, activists said. Similar strikes were planned

## Weiner falls to 4th in new NYC mayoral poll

NEW YORK (AP) — A new poll says Anthony Weiner has slipped to fourth place in the Democratic race for New York City mayor after his latest sexting scandal emerged last week. Poll director Maurice Carroll says Weiner is in "free fall."

"He can't win. He simply can't win," Carroll said.

Monday's poll — which Weiner led just five days ago — also showed about half of likely Democratic voters saying Weiner should abandon his mayoral bid. Weiner last week said he continued having racy online conversations with women after resigning from Congress in 2011.

He's married to a longtime aide to Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Weiner's support fell from

26 percent last week to 16 percent in the latest Quinnipiac University poll. Last week's survey was taken largely before Weiner's latest scandal was revealed.

In a statement, Weiner said "polls don't change anything."

But last week's revelation has seemingly derailed his political comeback.

Weiner kept campaigning Monday despite countless calls — including from pundits and powerful members of his own party — to step aside.

"I'm going to keep talking about the things important to this city," he said at a campaign stop. "I'm going to let New Yorkers decide." New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a fellow Democrat, continued to shy away from discussing Weiner's campaign.

"This is summer political theater in New York," Cuomo said Monday. "We laugh because if we didn't laugh, we would cry, right?"

Pollsters surveyed 446 Democrats from Wednesday to Sunday. The poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 4.6 percentage points. □



**New York City mayoral candidate Anthony Weiner, center, is introduced to voters during a campaign stop at the Nan Shan Senior Center, Monday, July 29, 2013, in the Queens borough of New York.**

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# Verdict in Manning Wikileaks trial announced today

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**Associated Press**

**FORT MEADE, Maryland (AP)** — U.S. soldier Bradley Manning will learn Tuesday whether he will be convicted of aiding the enemy — punishable by life in prison without parole — for sending more than 700,000 classified government documents to the anti-secrecy website WikiLeaks, a military judge said Monday. The judge said she will announce her verdict at 1 p.m. (1700 GMT) Tuesday. The charge of aiding the enemy is the most serious of 21 counts Manning is contesting. He also is charged with eight federal Espionage Act violations, five federal theft counts and two federal Computer Fraud and Abuse Act violations, each punishable by up to 10 years; and five military counts of violating a lawful general regulation, punishable by up to two years each.

The judge has tentatively scheduled a sentencing hearing beginning Wednesday. Manning is being tried by a judge alone, which was his choice. The trial began June 3. The 25-year-old has admitted to sending more than 470,000 Iraq and Afghanistan battlefield reports, 250,000 State Department diplomatic cables and other material including several battlefield video clips to WikiLeaks while working as an intelligence analyst in Iraq in early 2010. The video included footage of a 2007 U.S. Apache helicopter attack in Baghdad that killed at least nine men, including a Reuters news photographer and his driver. Manning claims he sent the material to expose war crimes and deceitful diplomacy. In closing arguments last week, defense attorney David Coombs portrayed Manning as a naive whistleblower who never intended the material to be seen by the enemy. Manning claims he selected material that wouldn't



Zach Callahan, right, and supporters of U.S. Army Pfc. Bradley Manning, march outside Fort Lesley J. McNair, in Washington. Manning's fate will be announced by a military judge today at 1 p.m. (AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)

harm troops or national security. Prosecutors called him an anarchist hacker and traitor who indiscriminately leaked classified information he had sworn to protect, knowing it would be seen by al-Qaida. They showed that al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden obtained copies of some of the documents WikiLeaks published before bin

Laden was killed by U.S. Navy SEALs in 2011. Manning pleaded guilty in February to 10 counts, including less serious military versions of all the federal charges. His admitted offenses carry prison terms punishable by up to 20 years in prison. Prosecutors accepted just one of his pleas and chose to continue prosecuting Manning for the greater offenses. □

## Senate overwhelmingly approves James Comey as new FBI director

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Among them were President Barack Obama's picks of Samantha Power as U.N. ambassador. This is Congress' last week before its five-week summer recess. Obama nominated Comey, 52, in June. He will succeed Robert Mueller, who is stepping down in September after 12 years heading the agency. Comey was the Justice Department's No. 2 official from 2003 to 2005 under Bush. He gained attention during a brief stint as act-

ing attorney general in 2004, when he and Attorney General John Ashcroft, who was ill, rejected an effort by White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card and White House counsel Alberto Gonzales to have Justice renew a program that allowed eavesdropping without court warrants of domestic phone calls and emails. "James Comey proved that his reputation for unwavering integrity and professionalism is well-deserved," Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy said during Monday's brief debate. □

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## Child prostitution:

# Raids rescue 105 young people across United States

PETE YOST

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The FBI declared that child prostitution is a “persistent threat” in the U.S. as the agency announced that authorities had rescued 105 young people and arrested 150 alleged pimps in a three-day sweep in 76 cities.

The agency said it had been monitoring Backpage.com and other websites as a prominent online marketplace for sex for sale. Backpage.com said that it was “very, very pleased” by the raids and that if the website were shut down to the advertisements, the ads would be pushed to sites that wouldn’t cooperate with law enforcement.

The young people in the roundup, almost all of them girls, ranged in age from 13 to 17. The largest numbers of children rescued in the weekend initiative, Operation Cross Country, were in San Francisco, Detroit, Milwaukee, Denver and New Orleans. The operation was conducted under the FBI’s decade-long Innocence

Lost National Initiative. The latest rescues and arrests were the largest such enforcement action to date.

“Child prostitution remains a persistent threat to children across the country,” Ron Hosko, assistant director of the bureau’s criminal investigative division, told a news conference. “We’re trying to put this spotlight on pimps and those who would exploit.”

In Operation Cross Country, federal, state and local authorities cooperated in an intelligence effort aimed at identifying pimps and their young victims.

The FBI said the campaign has resulted in rescuing 2,700 children since 2003. The investigations and convictions of 1,350 individuals have led to life imprisonment for 10 pimps.

In their efforts to identify child victims, investigators seek help wherever they can find it — in some cases from adult prostitutes, Hosko said. He said almost all the victims in sweeps like the one over the weekend are girls and that the profiles of the victims cut across racial lines.

Social media are a common denominator in many of the rescues.

Last year, five members of

or other online social networking sites, enticing the girls to use their looks to earn money through pros-

were shut down to the advertisements in question, the information that can lead to the rescues would



Ron Hosko, assistant director of the FBI’s Criminal Investigative Division, right, speaks during a news conference at FBI headquarters in Washington, Monday, July 29, 2013, about “Operation Cross Country.” The FBI says the operation rescued 105 children who were forced into prostitution in the United States and arrested 150 people it described as pimps and others in a series of raids in 76 American cities. From left are, John Ryan, CEO of National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Drew Oosterbaan, chief of the DOJ Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, and Hosko.

(AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

the Underground Gangster Crips contacted teens at school or through Facebook, DateHookUp.com

titution. As for websites, Liz McDougall, the general counsel for Backpage.com, said that if that site

be lost to law enforcement because the ads would be pushed to “offshore unco-operative websites.” □

## Suspect in deaths of 3 US women is indicted

**COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)** — A U.S. man accused in the deaths of three women whose bodies were found wrapped in trash bags has been indicted on 14 counts including aggravated murder and kidnapping.

The Cuyahoga County prosecutor’s office announced Monday that a grand jury charged 35-year-old Michael Madison with six counts of aggravated murder, three

counts of kidnapping, three counts of gross abuse of a corpse, one count of rape and one count of having weapons under disability. Police discovered the first of three bodies in a dilapidated East Cleveland neighborhood July 19 after responding to a call about a foul odor.

Madison was arrested the same day at his mother’s house after a brief standoff with police. □

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## Obama, Clinton have friendly White House visit



President Barack Obama has lunch with former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton on the patio outside the Oval Office of the White House, July 29, 2013. The two former rivals for the 2008 Democratic presidential nomination likely discussed diplomatic issues, and whether Clinton is planning a 2016 presidential run.

(Chuck Kennedy/The White House via The New York Times)

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**WASHINGTON** - Hillary Rodham Clinton has walked the halls of the White House as a first lady, a senator and a secretary of state. On Monday, she returned as a former diplomat who might just want one more job.

Clinton was back at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. for a pri-

vate lunch with President Barack Obama, a meeting that the White House said was closed to the press. The two former rivals for the 2008 Democratic presidential nomination were originally supposed to break bread in the president's private dining room, off the Oval Office. Instead they ate outside during a rare, pleasant summertime af-

ternoon in Washington. The White House said the kitchen provided Obama and his first secretary of state grilled chicken, some pasta jambalaya and salad. "It's largely friendship that's on the agenda for the lunch today," said Josh Earnest, the deputy press secretary. "So it's not a working lunch as much as it is an opportunity for the

two who saw each other on a pretty frequent basis over the course of the last four years to get a chance to catch up."

Given Clinton's last job and the turmoil around the world, it seemed likely that the two would talk about Egypt, the emerging peace talks in the Middle East and the diplomatic battle over Edward Snowden, the fugitive U.S. intelligence contractor.

On the question of the peace talks between the Israelis and the Palestinians, which began at the Georgetown home of the current secretary of state, John Kerry, on Monday night, Earnest said that "the purpose of the lunch is chiefly social, but given that the president and Secretary Clinton worked on this pretty closely together over the course of the last four years, I'd be surprised if it didn't come up."

It was also likely that the two would talk politics as well and whether Clinton will run for president again in 2016. After the lunch, neither side would confirm details about the discussion. □

## White House ties immigration battle to farms

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**WASHINGTON** - An immigration overhaul of the kind supported by President Barack Obama would help ensure a stable, predictable workforce for the nation's agricultural industries, a new report released by the White House argues. The 20-page document is the latest effort by Obama's administration to try to document what it says are the benefits of providing a pathway to citizenship for the approximately 11 million illegal immigrants, some of whom toil in the fields across the country. Critics, however, argued that the industry's problems could be addressed with smaller tweaks to existing law.

"Currently, the agriculture industry is hampered by a broken immigration system that fails to support a predictable and stable workforce," the report states. "It is time to act to fix the broken immigration system in a way that requires responsibility from everyone - both from workers here illegally and from those who hire them - and guarantees that everyone is playing by the same rules." Advocates for overhauling the nation's immigration laws say the current system leaves the agriculture industry vulnerable to labor shortages when the government cracks down on businesses that employ illegal workers. Under new laws like the one passed by the Senate last month, the report argues, agricultural companies would be assured of a workforce that is not threatened with deportation. □

## Kerry appoints diplomat Indyk to manage Mideast talks

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**WASHINGTON** - With peace talks between the Israelis and Palestinians set to resume Monday night, Secretary of State John Kerry appointed a veteran Middle East hand to manage what are expected to be difficult negotiations: Martin S. Indyk, a former U.S. ambassador to Israel.

In a brief appearance at

the State Department, Kerry urged Israelis and Palestinians to seek "reasonable compromise on tough, complicated, emotional and symbolic issues." While negotiating a Middle East peace agreement is widely seen as an uphill struggle, Kerry said "the consequences of not trying could be worse."

Indyk served two diplomatic tours as the ambas-

sador to Israel. He also served during the Clinton administration as assistant secretary of state for Near East affairs and worked on Middle East policy on the National Security Council. Frank Lowenstein, Kerry's longtime adviser on the Middle East, will serve as Indyk's deputy.

Indyk, who is taking a leave from the Brookings Institution to assume his

new role, told reporters that 15 years ago his son designed a screen saver for his computer that constantly flashed, "Dad, is there peace in the Middle East?"

"For 15 years, I've only been able to answer him 'not yet,'" Indyk said, adding that he hoped he would one day be able to say, "this time we actually made it." □



# Too much rain in the South, too little produce on the shelves

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**FORT VALLEY, Ga.** - Peaches, the gem of the Southern summer, are just not so sweet this year.

The tomatoes in Tennessee are splitting. Tobacco in North Carolina is drowning. And watermelons, which seem as if they would like all the rain that has soaked the South, have taken perhaps the biggest hit of all. Some watermelon farmers in South Georgia say they have lost half their crop. The melons that did survive are not anywhere as good as a Southern watermelon ought to be.

"They are awful," said Dai-sha Frost, 39, who works in Decatur, Ga. "And this is the time of year when they should be the bomb."

Day after day, the rains have come to a part of the country that relies on the hot summer sun for everything from backyard-tomato sandwiches to billions of dollars in com-

mercial row crops, fruit and peanuts.

While the United States as a whole is about only 6 percent above its normal

according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Climatic Data Center. Both South Carolina and North

The weather is a particular shock because more than two-thirds of the region was abnormally dry or suffering a drought last year.

South predict severe losses this year that could be in the billions of dollars.

"Nobody's ever seen it this wet this long," said Randy Ellis, a Georgia farmer who grows wheat and watermelons, the latter of which end up at East Coast grocery stores.

He usually he pulls about 60,000 pounds of melons from an acre of land. This year, he said, he barely got 30,000 pounds. What is worse, the cooler, rainy weather meant the crop was ready after the important Fourth of July window, when prices are at their peak.

Jake Crouch, a climatologist at the National Climatic Data Center in Asheville, N.C., is not hopeful that fields will dry out anytime soon. "Whenever we get in a pattern like this, we kind of stay in the status quo," he said. "When we're hot and dry, we stay hot and dry. When we're wet, we stay wet." □



**Scrappers pick left over watermelons in a sodden field at a farm in Cordele, Ga., July 25, 2013. Although the total cost to farmers has yet to be tallied, agricultural officials in several states in the Deep South have predicted severe crop losses from heavy rain fall this year that could be in the billions of dollars.** (Grant Blankenship/The New York Times)

rainfall this year, Southern states are swamped. Through June, Georgia was 34 percent above normal,

Carolina were about 25 percent above normal. Alabama's rainfall was up 22 percent.

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**Tunisian Prime Minister Ali Larayedh addresses the media during a press conference held in Tunis, Tunisia, Monday, July 29, 2013. Tunisia's prime minister responded to mounting opposition demands to dissolve the government with a defiant speech Monday, promising to complete the country's democratic transition with a new constitution by August and elections in December.**

(AP Photo/Hassene Dridi)

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Associated Press

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — In a defiant speech, Tunisia's prime minister rejected opposition demands that his government step down and promised on Monday to complete the country's democratic transition with a new constitution by August and elections in December.

The assassination of two opposition legislators over the last six months has plunged

Tunisia — the birthplace of the Arab Spring — into a crisis with anti-government protests, the resignation of a Cabinet minister, and a walkout by dozens of lawmakers.

The standoff was given extra urgency by a bloody ambush that took place Monday in a mountainous region near the Algerian border known as a hideout for Islamic militants that left at least 9 soldiers dead, according to a local hospital. Prime Minister Ali La-

## Tunisia's leader refuses to step down

rayedh's fiery speech, in which he called those wanting to dissolve the government "anarchists" and "opportunists," is unlikely to appease an angry opposition that says the Islamist-led government has failed to carry out the political transition promised after the overthrow of Tunisia's dictator in January 2011.

With many of the countries that saw pro-democracy uprisings during the Arab Spring heading toward chaos or renewed authoritarianism, Tunisia was considered the best hope for democracy in the region — until its current crisis.

On Thursday, left-wing Tunisian politician Mohammed Brahmi was assassinated in Tunis, shot 14 times outside his home in front of his family. That followed the killing of another left-wing opposition legislator, Chokri Belaid, in February.

On Sunday night, thousands of people demonstrated in front of the elected assembly charged with writing the country's new constitution and demanded that it be dissolved along with the government. Dozens of opposition lawmakers have suspended their participation in the assembly, and Education Minister Salem Labiadh submitted his res-

ignation on Monday. Even more serious for the government, the governing coalition appears to be breaking apart. Mohammed Bennour, spokesman for the left-of-center Ettakatol (Forum) Party, said his group wants to withdraw from the coalition and dissolve the government. That would leave the moderate Islamist Ennahda Party that dominates the coalition even more isolated. But Larayedh struck a defiant note in his speech, maintaining that the "dissolution of the assembly and the government would not help the situation or gain us time." □

## Wave of car bombs kills dozens in Iraq

DURAID ADNAN

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BAGHDAD - The surge of violence in Iraq continued Monday when 15 car bombs killed at least 50 people and injured more than 100, according to security sources.

Ten of the bombings were in Baghdad, mainly in Shiite neighborhoods. Tar-

gets included a hospital, a restaurant and markets. Officials in the Shiite-led government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, fearing that even more devices could yet be detonated, tightened security in the Iraqi capital. There were long lines at vehicle checkpoints in the capital as the security services searched cars for explosives.

Since the start of Ramadan on July 10, coordinated bombings and other attacks have intensified. That has revived fears that Iraq could be returning to the levels of sectarian violence seen in the last decade when the country moved to the brink of civil war following the U.S.-led invasion in 2003.

While the violence is below levels seen during the peak of the insurgency in 2006 and 2007, bombings remain common and as many as 700 people are believed to have been killed this month.

Militants among the minority Sunnis have been emboldened by the civil war

in neighboring Syria, where the Sunni majority has been trying to overthrow the government of Bashar Assad, which is dominated by his Alawite sect, an offshoot of Shiism.

The Iraqi Interior Ministry put out a statement urging resistance to the efforts of the attackers to feed sectarian divides, plunge the country into chaos and paralyze civil life. Without going into details, it warned that the attackers were able to mount such coordinated assaults because they had political and sectarian support. In Kut, southeast of Baghdad, two car bombs exploded near a bus station, leaving six people dead and about 20 others injured, according to a medical source.

One of the wounded, Ali Numan, 33, said: "We got wars from Saddam, we got tanks and rockets from the Americans, and now with Maliki we have car bombs every day. Nothing has changed in Iraq, and nothing will change. People die every day." □

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## Amid chaos, Cambodian opposition rejects election results

THOMAS FULLER

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PHNOM PENH, Cambodia - Cambodia faces a volatile and possibly prolonged political standoff after leaders of the opposition said on Monday that they rejected the preliminary results of Sunday's election and accused the authoritarian government of Prime Minister Hun Sen of large-scale cheating to achieve a relatively narrow victory.

With a number of monitoring organizations describing widespread voting irregularities, Sam Rainsy, the leader of the newly energized opposition, said at a news conference that the party would seek help from foreign and Cambodian election experts to decide whether to call for a recount or new elections. "We will not accept the result - we cannot accept the result," he said Monday. "The party in power cannot

ignore us anymore."

The governing Cambodian People's Party issued a statement late on Sunday saying that preliminary results "clearly showed that the Cambodian People's Party won a victory" and that the party had sufficient numbers to establish a new government.

Sam Rainsy had initially claimed victory after polls closed Sunday, but then retracted his claim.

But the results were the poorest showing for the governing party since 1998. The Cambodian People's Party won 55 percent of the 123 seats in the National Assembly, according to the party's website - a relatively narrow victory, and down from 73 percent of the seats in the last election, in 2008. Analysts said voter turnout was about 70 percent.

Hun Sen, 60, has been in power for 28 years and the



Villagers try to overturn a military police car near a polling station at Stung Meanchey district, in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Monday, July 29, 2013, a day after election results.

(AP Photo/Heng Sinith)

election Sunday was one of the most closely contested of his career.

"We have a chance to win," said Kem Sokha, the vice president of the main

opposition party, the Cambodia National Rescue Party. "It's never been this close in our history."

The governing party's statement on Sunday in-

cluded an "appeal to all Cambodians to keep calm, maintain stability, security and good social order." The opposition made a similar appeal for calm on Sunday after two police trucks were destroyed by protesters.

Phnom Penh was quiet on Monday, but some streets were shut by security forces, including the one leading to Hun Sen's residence. The Cambodia National Rescue Party was founded last year through a merger with Sam Rainsy's party and another group, and has given the opposition a unified voice. It also effectively means that Cambodia has a two-party system for the first time since multiparty democracy was restored in the 1990s. □

## EU: China deal will survive challenge

BRUSSELS (AP) — The European Union's Trade Commissioner says the settlement with Beijing over Chinese solar panels exports will easily survive a court challenge from EU producers.

Karel De Gucht on Monday defended the weekend agreement that ended one of the biggest trade disputes between China and Europe.

The EU had accused China of selling solar panels in the EU at below-cost prices, harming European manu-

facturers.

The row threatened to escalate into a full-blown trade war.

However, the EU solar panels industry slammed the weekend's deal, whereby China would charge minimum prices, claiming its survival was still under threat.

The industry has announced proceedings before the EU's high court.

De Gucht said though that "they have no case" since the deal remained within international law and protected the EU industry. □



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## Swiss police: 35 injured in train collision

**BERLIN (AP)** — At least 35 people were injured, five of them seriously, in a head-on collision of two trains in western Switzerland late Monday, police said. One person had yet to be recovered from the wreckage.

The crash happened near the station of Granges-pres-Marnand shortly before 7 p.m. (1700 GMT) on a regional line about 50 kilometers (31 miles) southwest of the capital, Bern. It came just days after 79 people were killed in a high-speed train derailment in Spain.

Photographs from the Swiss site showed the two regional trains locked together, partly lifted off the tracks by the force of the collision.

Police said several ambulances, fire engines and a helicopter were involved in the rescue operation. Rescuers had not yet been able to reach the driver's cabin of one of the trains, said the police in the canton (state) of Vaud in a statement. News website 20min.ch quoted Patricia Claivaz of the Swiss rail company CFF as saying the trapped man was the driver. It was unclear if he was alive. According to police, the five people who were seriously injured were taken to the hospital in the nearby city of Lausanne. Earlier, Swiss media had cited police as saying 44 were injured, four of them seriously. □

## Tour bus crash in southern Italy kills 38 people

**FRANCES D'EMILIO**

**Associated Press**

**ROME (AP)** — An Italian tour bus plowed through cars, crashed through the side wall of a highway bridge and plunged into a ravine,

as saying the bus driver was among the dead.

The bus lost control near the town of Monteforte Irpino in Irpinia, a largely agricultural area about 60 kilometers (40 miles) inland

lost control of the vehicle, but prosecutors were investigating technical problems and had ordered an autopsy on the driver.

Italy's Prime Minister Enrico Letta described the crash

ister Antonis Samaras.

A reporter for Naples daily Il Mattino, Giuseppe Crimaldi, told Sky TG24 TV from the scene that some witnesses told him the bus had been going at a "normal" speed on the downhill stretch of the highway when it suddenly veered and started hitting cars. Some witnesses thought they heard a noise as if the bus had blown a tire.

"All possible causes are under examination. It could be a combination of causes," Avellino Highway Police Chief Salvatore Imparato said on Sky TG24.

The bus was carrying a group of weekend holidaymakers from the town of Pozzuoli, on the coast east of Naples. The group had arrived at a hotel on Friday afternoon, and had spent the weekend visiting the spa and an early home of Padre Pio, a late mystic monk popular among Catholics, Michele Montagna, the manager of the hotel, told Sky TG24. Relatives visited a makeshift morgue in a middle school to identify the dead on Monday. The bus, meanwhile, was towed from the site to be examined for possible malfunctions. □



**A firefighter walks amongst the wreckage of a bus and a blood-stained guardrail hours after the bus crashed off a highway near Avellino, southern Italy, Monday, July 29, 2013.**

**(AP Photo/Salvatore Laporta)**

killing at least 38 people, authorities said Monday. Rescuers wielding electric saws cut through the twisted wreckage of the bus looking for survivors overnight, and state radio quoted a local police chief

from Naples and about 250 kilometers (160 miles) south of Rome, hitting several cars before plunging some 30 meters (100 feet) off a viaduct on Sunday night. It was not immediately clear why the bus driver

as a "dramatic moment" for his entire country.

"We are deeply pained by this tragedy that has touched many families and many children," Letta said from Athens, where he met with Greek Prime Min-

## Spanish mourn train victims at cathedral Mass

**YESICA FISCH**

**Associated Press**

**SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA, Spain (AP)** — Spanish royals and political leaders joined hundreds in Santiago de Compostela's

storied cathedral Monday evening to mourn the 79 people killed in last week's train crash, as investigators prepared to examine the train's "black box" data recorders for more clues into the country's worst rail disaster in decades.

Driver Francisco Jose Garzon Amo faces multiple counts of negligent homicide for the tragedy. The investigation has increasingly focused on him and his failure to brake as the train hurtled into a high-risk curve.

The black box could clear up whether there was a mechanical or technical failure. Experts will start examining it Tuesday under the instruction of Judge Luis Alaez, a court spokeswoman said on condition of anonymity in keeping with court policy.

Alaez late Sunday charged Garzon, but allowed him to leave custody without bail. He was driven from the court in a police car after dark, but it was not clear where he was taken.

Several Spanish newspapers, including leading daily El Pais, reported Monday that the driver acknowledged to the judge that the train was travelling too fast, but that he briefly stopped paying attention. The court spokeswoman said she could not comment on details of the testimony.

Officials said 70 people injured in the train accident remained hospitalized, 22 of them in critical condition.

Meanwhile, Crown Prince Felipe and his wife, Princess Letizia, and his sister, Princess Elena, attended the

Mass at Santiago de Compostela's cathedral, along with Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy and other politicians. "We have all suffered," the city's archbishop, Julian Barrio, told the congregation, calling the accident "a devastating blow."

At the end of the hour-long service, the royals kissed and shook hands with weeping members of the victims' families sitting in the front pews.

Hundreds of other people stood and sat in the broad plaza outside, overlooked by the cathedral's majestic twin bell towers, where a giant video screen broadcast the service. Bouquets of flowers, candles and messages left by mourners adorned the cathedral's iron gates, and black mourning ribbons dotted the city. □

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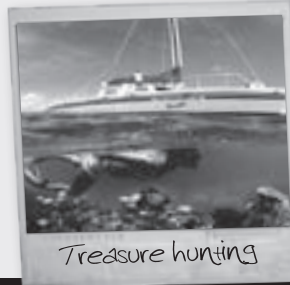


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# Official: Cannes diamond heist actually nets \$136M

JAMEY KEATEN  
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Wearing a scarf to mask his face, the gunman sneaked into the posh Cannes hotel and held up a diamond show as three security guards looked on, then fled on foot about a minute later. In the end, he made off with a breathtaking \$136 million worth of valuables — the biggest jewelry heist in years, maybe ever.

It was a French Riviera robbery that might make Hollywood scriptwriters smile. And it even happened at a hotel that was featured in Alfred Hitchcock's jewel-encrusted thriller "To Catch a Thief."

On Monday, a state prosecutor provided new details about the brazen heist a day earlier at the Carlton Intercontinental hotel — not least that the loot was actually worth more than twice the €40 million (\$53 million) estimate that police had first announced. The noontime caper Sunday along the town's seaside promenade, La Croisette — a playground for the rich and famous, sun-

bathing tourists, and most notably, world cinema stars every year — looked set to dwarf the value of two other jewelry thefts in the Riviera during the Cannes Film Festival in May.

It also could eclipse two other massive heists over the last decade. In 2008, thieves — some dressed as women — stole \$118 million in rings, necklaces and luxury watches from the Harry Winston store in Paris. A robbery five years earlier at Belgium's Antwerp Diamond Center netted an estimated \$100 million.

Philippe Vique, assistant prosecutor in the nearby town of Grasse, said the show's Dubai-based organizer — whom he would not identify — had carried out a more complete inventory of the jewelry by Monday, and came up with the \$136 million figure.

In a telephone interview with The Associated Press, Vique described a canny, quick and logistically simple break-in.

So far, the suspect is believed to have acted alone. He wore a scarf, cap and gloves, and somehow got

into the ground-floor showroom through the hotel's French doors, which open out onto a terrace on the Croisette — not the main entrance.

The suspect then held up

"He took a bag containing a briefcase and a small box," Vique said.

Rings, earrings and pendants were inside the bag.

"He left on foot ... it was very fast."

The holdup itself took about a minute — with three private security guards, two vendors, and a show manager on hand, Vique said. No customers were present at the time, and no police were deployed at the hotel.

"This was a private event — so it had private security," the prosecutor said. It was not immediately clear whether the security guards were armed.

"I wouldn't say it was easily done — opening a locked door," Vique said, wondering: "Why was he able to open this door?"

The jewelry was part of a summertime display centering on the prestigious Leviev diamond house, owned by Israeli billionaire Lev Leviev. It was to run until the end of August.

The show was hardly low-key. Large banners adorned with pictures of diamond rings or necklaces over Leviev's rose-themed background were draped over the street-front terrace on the Croisette. □



People walk by the Carlton hotel, in Cannes, southern France, the scene of a daylight raid, Monday, July 29, 2013. A staggering \$136 million worth of jewels and diamonds were stolen Sunday from the Carlton Intercontinental Hotel in Cannes, in one of Europe's biggest jewelry heists recent years, police said.  
(AP Photo/Lionel Cironneau)

the show participants with a handgun, took the valuables, and fled through a side door onto a perpendicular street.

As the suspect exited through the side door in his getaway, a few jewels spilled out of the bag and were quickly recovered.

## Colombia rebels say plan to free Canadian captive

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Colombia's No. 2 leftist rebel band is welcoming a Canadian company's decision to pull out of a gold exploration project. The insurgents say it's a good-faith gesture and indicated they plan to release a company executive kidnapped in January.

The National Liberation Army posted the statement on its website Monday. Braeval Mining Corp announced last week that it was canceling options to purchase the Snow Mine

property in Sur de Bolivar state.

The group had demanded Braeval quit the project, claiming the land had been stolen from its legitimate owners.

The rebels did not say when they might release Gernot Wober, Braeval's 47-year-old vice president of exploration.

Braeval spokesman Chris Eby said the company's only business in Colombia now involves trying to secure Wober's release. He would not discuss details. □

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# On gay priests, Pope asks, 'who am I to judge?'

**RACHEL DONADIO**

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**ROME** - For generations, homosexuality has largely been a taboo topic for the Vatican, ignored altogether or treated as "an intrinsic moral evil," in the words of the previous pope. In that context, brief remarks by Pope Francis in the back of the papal airplane on the way back from his first foreign foray,

seated homosexual tendencies" from becoming priests. Vatican experts were quick to point out that Francis was not suggesting that the priests or anyone else should act on their homosexual tendencies, which the church considers a sin. But the fact that he made such comments - and used the word "gay" - was nevertheless revolution-

ary, and likely to resonate in local dioceses, where bishops are divided over whether to accept priests who are gay but celibate. "It's not a great opening in terms of contents, but the fact that he talked about it that way is a great novelty," said Paolo Rodari, a Vatican expert at the Italian daily La Repubblica. Francis would probably agree with Benedict's writings on homosexuality, he added, "but it doesn't interest him." "It interests him to say that the problem in the end isn't if someone has this tendency, the important thing is to live in the light of God," Rodari said. "Said by a pope, it's enormous."

The pope's comments were yet another sign of how Benedict and Francis approach doctrine from such different directions. While Benedict, the shy theologian, focused more on ethics and advocated a more pure church, even if it might wind up being smaller, Francis was elected for his belief that the Catholic Church must engage in dialogue with the

homespun folk adages. ("You can always add more water to the beans," he said at one point.)

"Benedict came and played the standard classical nocturne that he was famous for, and his devotees loved it. Francis came and played the guitar in his very accessible style and the crowds went wild," said Allen, who traveled to Brazil with the pope.



**Pope Francis speaks during a news conference on the flight to Italy from Rio de Janeiro on July 29, 2013. Striking a conciliatory approach to a hot-button issue that has divided Catholics, Pope Francis on Monday said that he would not judge priests for their sexual orientation.**  
(Luca Zennaro/Pool via The New York Times)

to Brazil, attracted significant attention. Never veering from church doctrine opposing homosexuality, Francis did strike a more compassionate tone than that offered by his predecessors, some of whom studiously avoided even saying the word "gay."

"If someone is gay and he searches for the Lord and has good will, who am I to judge?" he told reporters, speaking in Italian.

Francis' words could not have been more different from those of Benedict XVI, who in 2005 wrote that homosexuality was "a strong tendency ordered toward an intrinsic moral evil," and an "objective disorder." He banned men with "deep-

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world - even with those it disagrees with - if it wants to stay vibrant and relevant. "At a certain point, tone becomes substance if it's seen as revitalizing the prospects of the church," said John L. Allen, Jr., a Vatican expert at National Catholic Reporter. In Benedict's more subdued 2007 visit to Brazil, where evangelical churches are making rapid inroads in the Catholic majority, he delivered speeches to bishops about how to respond to post-modern society. In contrast, Francis spoke on the beach, delved into the masses and was greeted like a rock star by followers entranced by his approachable style and

Before he resigned in February, Benedict's papacy had been marked by scandals - a sex abuse scandal, a leaks scandal and trouble with the secretive Vatican Bank. Francis, with his style of radical simplicity and his direct manner, has shifted things.

"He's completely changed the narrative about the church," Allen said. "In five months, now the dominant Catholic story is 'Charismatic Pope Takes World by Storm.'"

During his papal trips, John Paul II loved to walk to the back of the plane and chat with reporters, while Benedict only responded to a handful of preselected questions. □

## Mexico nabs 3 cartel suspects in officer killing

**MARK STEVENSON**

**Associated Press**

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — Authorities detained three alleged members of the Knights Templar drug cartel in the killing of one of Mexico's highest-ranking navy officers and a bodyguard, Attorney General Jesus Murillo Karam said Monday.

President Enrique Pena Nieto vowed the attack wouldn't go unpunished. "We will work with all speed to arrest and bring to justice everyone responsible for the death of Vice Adm. Carlos Miguel Salazar," he said.

The killings of the admiral and another naval officer serving as his bodyguard marked a rare attack on Mexico's top military brass, but appeared to have been the result of a series of tragic coincidences rather than a planned, targeted assassination.

Still, the shooting on a rural road in the western state of Michoacan showed just how out of control the state has become as the government offensive against crime gangs runs up against resistance from the Knights Templar cartel. Salazar, his wife, driver and bodyguard were returning from a visit to the admiral's family in the Mexico City area, when they ran into a protest that had closed the main highway leading back to the naval station he commanded on the Pacific coast, near the resort of Puerto Vallarta.

Seeing the protest, the admiral apparently made a tragic mistake. Rather than waiting for the road to reopen, as dozens of other vehicles did for about two more hours, or turning around and heading back to the nearest city to catch an airline flight, he had his driver head down a rural two-lane road in search of a shortcut.

"He decided to take an alternative route, to get back to his job on time, and he took a secondary road for that purpose," Murillo Karam said. □





## By Jermin Bell: Living through inspiration is the message of "Nameless"

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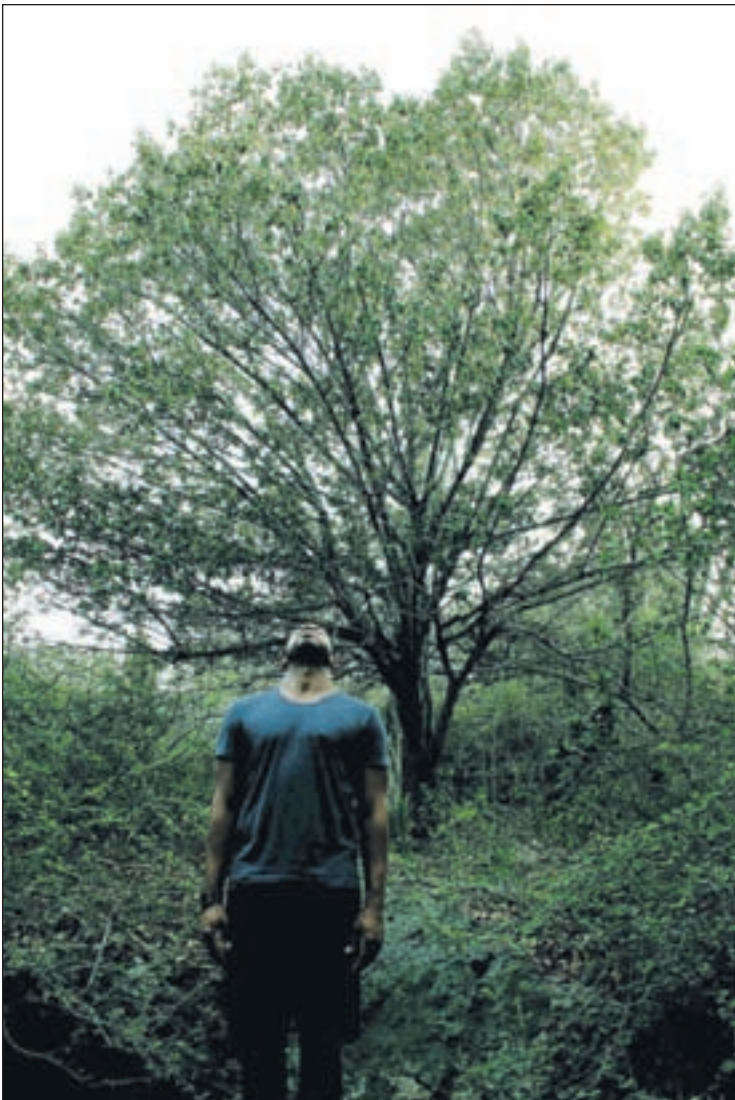
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## Post Aruba seeking alliance with Correos del Ecuador: Director of Postal Service Ecuador visits Aruba to discuss international alliances



**ORANJESTAD** - On July 18th last, Post Aruba welcomed the General Manager/Director of the Post Office of Ecuador, Mr. Roberto Cavanaugh, and his advisor Mrs. Maria Paulina Moreno and had an eye-opening meeting in which relevant issues were discussed that may result in an interesting alliance with this country. As it happens to be, the Director of Correos del Ecuador is running for General Secretary of the UPAEP, Union Postal de las Americas, España y Portugal, and he was in Aruba to also seek the support of Post Aruba.

But the main point of discussion was the possibility

to enter into new alliances which Post Aruba is trying for in its trajectory for developing new products and services.

The need for international alliances is due to new technological developments and the reduction of the demand for regular mail services.

Many events are happening and initiatives taken in other countries to compensate the reduction of the postal flow, and Post Aruba is also looking in that direction to introduce and develop new products and services that satisfy the new and modern demand. Services such as E-Post for example, which provides the

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Other countries are more advanced in that area and may therefore be able to contribute and guide the process in Aruba of introducing these new innovative products and services that are already up and running in those foreign countries.

As the Director of Post Aruba Guillermo Raymond stated: "Post Aruba believes in the critical importance of closing strategic alliances with countries that are more advanced in order to be able to move forward into a more solid and modern future within the postal administration."



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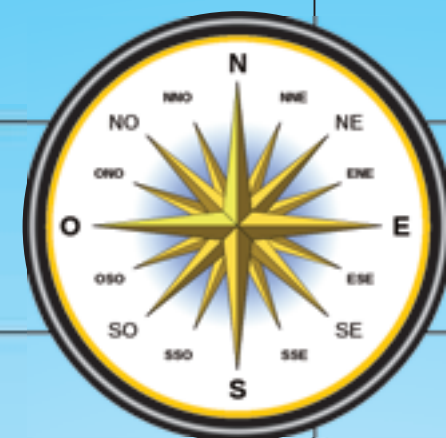
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## Meilutyte, other teens doing just fine at worlds

PAUL NEWBERRY  
AP National Writer

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — For Ruta Meilutyte, a gold medal would merely be a bonus.

She's already grabbed what she came for at these world swimming championships. A breakout star at last year's London Olympics, the 16-year-old from Lithuania set the first world record of the meet Monday night — in the semi-finals of the 100-meter breaststroke, no less.

Meilutyte will be an overwhelming favorite in the final Tuesday, but she considers the record a bigger accomplishment than a world championship. She nearly broke the mark during the morning preliminaries, then returned in the evening to go even faster. The youngster touched in 1 minute, 4.35 seconds, beating the record set by American Jessica Hardy in 2009 at the end of the rubberized suit era.

"My biggest aim is accomplished now and I'll give it my best shot in the final," said Meilutyte, who trains in Britain. "It's one of the steps, one of the dreams. Obviously, a gold medal would be a cherry on top." The kids are doing all right at these worlds, that's for sure.

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# AP Source: MLB may suspend A-Rod under labor deal

By RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Major League Baseball may try to suspend Alex Rodriguez under its collective bargaining agreement instead of its drug rules, which would eliminate any chance of delaying a penalty until after the case goes to an arbitrator, The Associated Press has learned.

Rodriguez has never been disciplined for a drug offense, and a first offender under baseball's Joint Drug Agreement is entitled to an automatic stay if the players' association files a grievance — meaning the penalty is put on hold until after an arbitrator rules.

While use of banned performance-enhancing substances falls under the drug agreement, MLB may argue other alleged violations are punishable under the labor contract, a person familiar with management's deliberations told the AP, speaking on condition of anonymity because no statements were authorized.

Taking that action would prevent the New York Yankees third baseman from returning to the field, even if he recovers from a quadriceps injury cited by the team as the reason for keeping him on the disabled list.

And merely threatening to use that provision might give MLB leverage to force a deal.

The Yankees expect Rodriguez to be accused of recruiting other athletes for the clinic, of attempting to obstruct MLB's investigation, and of not being truthful with MLB in the past when he discussed his relationship with Dr. Anthony



In this April 1, 2013, file photo, New York Yankees' Alex Rodriguez talks to reporters outside the Yankees' clubhouse in New York.

The Associated Press

Galea, who pleaded guilty two years ago to a federal charge of bringing unapproved drugs into the United States from Canada.

Four years ago, Rodriguez admitted using PEDs while with Texas from 2001-03. He has repeatedly denied using them since.

Baseball has been investigating Rodriguez and other players since a January report in the Miami New Times alleging they received PEDs from Biogenesis of America, a closed anti-aging clinic on Florida.

"We're still involved in the process of preparing for an eventual appeal in this matter," Rodriguez's lawyer, David Cornwell, said Monday on ESPN New York Radio. "My understanding is that the next step that is going to be taken is that the players' association and baseball will meet to

discuss the investigation and baseball's focus on particular players. So we'll see how that process plays out.

But at this point my understanding or my expectation is that we're going to be working through the process towards an appeal."

Cornwell did not return an email seeking comment.

Aside from the drug agreement, there is no automatic stay for suspensions under baseball's labor contract. Rodriguez could be punished under Article XII B of the Basic Agreement, which states: "Players may be disciplined for just cause for conduct that is materially detrimental or materially prejudicial to the best interests of baseball including, but not limited to, engaging in conduct in violation of federal, state or

local law."

If suspended under that section, Rodriguez would serve the penalty while a grievance is litigated before arbitrator Fredric Horowitz — unless the union asks for a stay and the arbitrator grants one, which would be unusual under the grievance procedure. And baseball could always try to punish A-Rod on drug violations later.

Cornwell would not respond to a report in the New York Daily News on Monday that said baseball Commissioner Bud Selig would not pursue a lifetime ban if Rodriguez accepted a suspension through 2014. "There's been all sorts of reports, all sorts of sources and all sorts of breaking news and breathless coverage, and I don't feel any need to respond to any of it," Cornwell told ESPN. □



# Wiebe beats Langer to win Senior British Open

SOUTHPORT, England (AP) — Bernhard Langer gave Mark Wiebe one too many chances at the Senior British Open.

Wiebe took advantage of Langer's failure to close out the tournament by beating the German veteran on the fifth playoff hole on Monday at Royal Birkdale, clinching his first senior major title.

The American used a superb approach shot from the rough to set up a two-putt for par, while Langer failed to get up and down, seeing his par putt stay out. "I'm speechless," Wiebe said. "I think it's always better for both players had there been a birdie to win the playoff instead of a bogey, but right now, I don't really care. I'm glad it's over, and I'm honored.

Langer held a two-shot lead going into the final hole of regulation on Sunday, only to settle for a

double bogey when he struggled to get out of a bunker. The playoff was then halted after two holes because of darkness and resumed on Monday, with Langer immediately missing another chance to clinch the win when his 12-foot putt wouldn't drop.

"I just was luckier today and last night than Bernie I guess," Wiebe said. "I also feel like Bernie has won, what, a couple hundred tournaments. He's won so many, I feel like this was my turn."

Langer — who won the tournament in 2010 — held a three-shot lead going into the fourth round, and looked certain to earn a second Senior British Open title when he teed off at the 72nd.

But his approach shot landed in a greenside bunker, and he needed two strokes just to get out of the sand. Wiebe, meanwhile, shot a

4-under 66 to match the German veteran at 9-under 271.

"Obviously not what I wanted. But the major mistake was again yesterday, the 72nd hole," Langer said. "In the playoff anybody can win. It comes down to one good shot or one bad shot. And that's what happened. Mark is a very deserving champion."

It was the first time in the 27-year history of the Senior British Open that the tournament finished on Monday.

Former U.S. Ryder Cup captain Corey Pavin finished in a tie for third with David Frost of South Africa and Peter Senior of Australia, three shots back. It was the third year in a row that Pavin finished in a tie for third at the tournament.

Wiebe's season has been plagued by a back and arm injury and he hasn't finished in the top 10 on



USA's Mark Wiebe displays his trophy after winning the Senior Open Championship at Royal Birkdale, Southport, England, Monday July 29, 2013.

Associated Press.

the U.S. Champions Tour all year. However, he said he could swing a club without pain again, which "helped me so much with my attitude."

"Once I realized I could play and it didn't hurt very much to swing, I was instantly in a great mood, and I knew I was playing good," Wiebe said. □

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## Meilutyte

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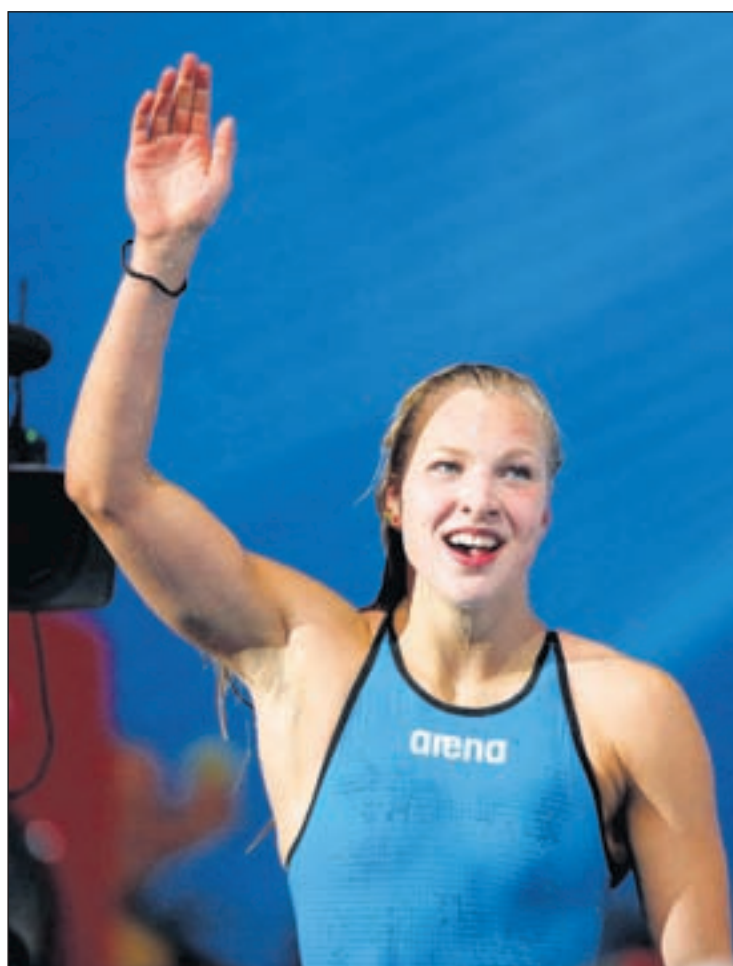
Eighteen-year-old Missy Franklin cruised into the final of the 100 backstroke as the top qualifier, despite a tough start in the semi-finals when her right leg slipped while pushing off the wall. Another young American, 16-year-old Katie Ledecky, followed up her gold medal in the 400 freestyle by easily qualifying for the 1,500 free final. "It's so incredible to see the youth that the sport has and that it will continue to have," Franklin said. "It's so awesome watching it and kind of being a part of this whole experience as it's happening."

There were no American golds on the second night of swimming at the Palau Sant Jordi.

Christian Sprenger made sure the Australian men won't endure another gold-medal shutout like the one in London, edging South African world-record holder Cameron van der Burgh in the men's 100 breast.

"To finally have the Australian anthem played for me, it's an extraordinary feeling, and after a swim I couldn't be prouder of," Sprenger said. "Our team had some setbacks last year, but we came through stronger. We are going to be back and going to be stronger."

Sweden's Sarah Sjöström knocked off another world-record holder, Dana Vollmer of the U.S., in the 100 butterfly. For Sjöström, the victory came four



**Lithuania's Ruta Meilutyte waves after setting a new world record of 1:04.35 in a Women's 100m breaststroke semifinal at the FINA Swimming World Championships in Barcelona, Spain, Monday, July 29, 2013.**

Associated Press

years after she won the same event at the world championships in Rome, which was followed by the bitter disappointment of fourth-place finishes at both the 2011 worlds and the Olympics.

"It's hard to believe because my confidence hasn't been that good after lots of fourth places," she said. "Now I am so happy. My confidence is so much better now. I know I can swim so much faster."

Vollmer, who took an extended break after the Olympics and came into

the event battling an illness, settled for the bronze with a time more than a second off her gold-medal performance in London.

"The goal is to always try and win, but with where I am right now I am really happy with the bronze," Vollmer said. "I needed the fall off to recharge looking to 2016. It is disappointing now, but it lights that fire to get back in the pool and keep working hard for Rio." Hungary's Katinka Hosszu ran away with a dominating win in the women's 200 individual medley, with Ye Shiwen among those

in her wake. The 17-year-old from China, another of the young stars at the last Olympics, was last at the final turn and settled for fourth — not even making the medal podium in Barcelona.

Ye swept the IMs in London, setting a world record in the 400.

"That was slower than expected but I did everything I could," she said through a translator. "After the Olympics I couldn't sleep, so I couldn't prepare like I had done before. I'm five kilograms heavier than I was at the Olympics. I need to go back and train harder and hopefully I'll do better next time. I was happy with my butterfly but nothing else." Hosszu made it look easy, leading at every stroke change and cruising to the wall nearly 1.5 seconds ahead of the field.

"That was kind of my plan to go out and be aggressive from the beginning," she said.

"I saw nobody was coming, so I just wanted to touch the wall and start celebrating."

Hosszu finished nearly 7 seconds behind Ye in the 200 IM at London, and just missed a medal with a fourth-place finish in the 400 IM.

This time, it was Ye coming over to shake hands with the winner.

"I was really surprised," Hosszu said. "I wasn't sure of the order after me. It was only later I saw she wasn't on the podium. I am sure she will be back on the podium. She is a great swimmer."

Longtime Brazilian star Ce-

sar Cielo took gold in the 50 fly — a non-Olympic event — with Eugene Godsoe of the U.S. grabbing the silver. But Meilutyte was the star of the night without even winning a medal.

She just keeps getting better after upsetting American Rebecca Soni for the Olympic gold in the 100 breast last summer. With Soni taking the year off, there's no doubt that Meilutyte is the new queen of the breaststroke — at the moment and perhaps years to come.

"It's a new breed of swimmer coming up," van der Burgh said. "The 100 has become more of a sprint than it was before. If you are too slow than you can never catch up, and I think that's the big change."

Australia's Alicia Coutts didn't win gold but deserved a shout-out for pulling off a grueling double. She finished second in both the 100 fly and 200 IM, one night after anchoring the Aussies to silver in the 400 free relay.

Coutts was in tears after getting caught by American Megan Romano in the relay, feeling she let her team down, but the Aussie is piling up quite a medal haul in Barcelona.

The home crowd got a thrill when Mireia Belmonte of Spain won bronze in the 200 IM.

Meanwhile, Ryan Lochte put himself in position to take a run at his first individual gold of these championships. He was the second-fastest qualifier in the semifinals of the 200 free behind Russia's Danila Izotov. □

## Witness: Coach said Penn St. erred on sex scandal

HARRISBURG, Pennsylvania (AP) — The assistant coach who blew the whistle on the Penn State American football program's child sex abuse scandal testified Monday that the school's beloved head coach had told him that the school's administrators "screwed up" in handling the case that rocked America's sports fans. Jerry Sandusky, another assistant coach, was convicted of sexually abusing 10 boys over a period of years — a scandal

that destroyed the once unimpeachable reputation of Hall of Fame college football head coach Joe Paterno. Sandusky, 69, is serving a 30- to 60-year prison sentence after being convicted last year of 45 counts of child sexual abuse. Former assistant coach Mike McQueary, was called as a witness Monday in a hearing for three former Penn State officials accused in a cover-up of the scandal. He told the judge that Paterno had

told him over the years that "Old Main screwed up" — referring to university administrators — responding to the allegations against Sandusky. Former Penn State president Graham Spanier, retired university vice president Gary Schultz and ex-athletic director Tim Curley are accused of failing to tell police about a sexual abuse allegation involving Sandusky and then trying to cover it up. They have proclaimed their innocence.

A Penn State spokesman said Monday the university would not comment on the legal proceedings. The Associated Press left a message for a Paterno family spokesman. The judge must determine whether there's enough evidence against the ex-officials to send the case to trial. The three are charged with perjury, obstruction, endangering the welfare of children, failure to properly report suspected abuse and conspiracy. Those charges include alle-

gations of hiding evidence from investigators and lying to a grand jury.

McQueary has testified that he saw Sandusky and a boy engaged in a sex act in the locker room shower 2001 and within days reported it to Paterno, Curley and Schultz.

Paterno died in January 2012. His family has vehemently denied accusations that he covered up allegations against Sandusky, the once highly-regarded defensive coordinator. □



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## Mo Farah challenges Usain Bolt to race

**LONDON (AP)** — Usain Bolt has a new challenger, and maybe even a new distance to think about. The biggest star in track is being sought out by Mo Farah for a charity race somewhere between Bolt's sprint specialty and Farah's distance domain.

"It'd be great to be able to do a distance where people vote in what distance will be suitable, and then get a judge and then come in the middle with that distance and train for it," said Farah, a British runner who won the 5,000 and 10,000 meters at last year's London's Olympics. "Bolt, are you up for that? Come on, you got to do it."

Bolt has little left to prove on the track. The Jamaican won the 100 and 200 in world record time at the 2008 Beijing Games, and then became the first man to defend those titles at last year's Olympics. He also helped Jamaica win the 4x100 relays at both.

On Friday in London, Bolt won the 100 meters at the Anniversary Games, a Diamond League meet that took place in the Olympic Stadium to mark one year since the start of the 2012 Olympics. Farah won the 3,000 on Saturday.



**Jamaica's Usain Bolt crosses the line to win the men's 400m relay for his team Racers Track Club during the Diamond League athletics meet at the stadium in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, London, Saturday, July 27, 2013.**

**Associated Press**

Despite the differences in distances, Bolt seems to be considering Farah's challenge.

"That sounds fun. It's going to be hard, but for me it's charity, so it's just all about fun and enjoyment," Bolt said. "For me, I'm up for anything if it's possible."

The hard part would be deciding what distance to race.

Bolt may be the best sprinter of all time, and has often been rumored to be adding the 400 to his repertoire. Farah, however, is a distance specialist who is talking more and more about moving in the other direction and adding the marathon to his running regime.

So even one of the middle distanc-



**Britain's Mo Farah crosses the line to win the men's 3000m race during the Diamond League athletics meet at the stadium in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, London, Saturday, July 27, 2013.**

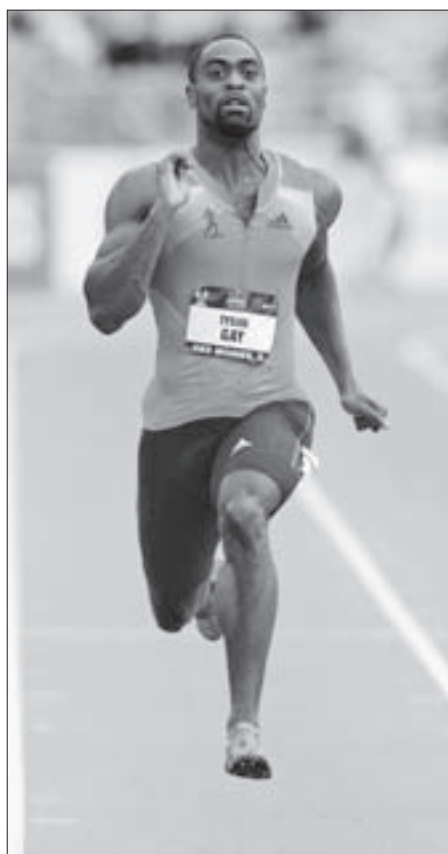
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es, like the 1,500 meters, would be hard to see coming.

"Way too far," Bolt said. "Six-hundred for sure I can try because I've done 600 in training."

Two running stars meeting at a made-up distance is not new. Nearly a year after the 1996 Olym-

pics, 200-400 gold medalist Michael Johnson and 100 champion Donovan Bailey met in a much-hyped 150-meter race in Toronto. About halfway through, Johnson pulled up with a muscle injury in his left thigh, leaving Bailey to win \$1 million. □



**In this June 23, 2013, file photo, Tyson Gay runs to the finish line to win the senior men's 200-meter dash final at the U.S. Championships athletics meet in Des Moines, Iowa.**

## Tyson Gay left off U.S. squad for track worlds

**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)** — As expected, Tyson Gay has been left off the U.S. squad for next month's world championships in Moscow.

Gay qualified in the 100 and 200

meters at the nationals in June, but relinquished his spots after failing an out-of-competition drug test for a banned substance. Mike Rodgers will take Gay's place in the 100 and Wallace Spearmon will go in the 200.

The team was announced Monday by USA Track and Field.

Carmelita Jeter will run the 100 and be among several Americans

trying to defend their world titles, beginning Aug. 10. The U.S. team also includes up-and-comers such as 17-year-old Mary Cain in the 1,500.

Finally healthy this season, Gay was expected to push Usain Bolt at the worlds.

But instead of racing in Russia, Gay will be trying to resolve his doping case. □



# John Isner wins Atlanta Open

**MATT WINKELJOHN**

**Associated Press**

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Top-seeded John Isner won the Atlanta Open on Sunday, beating second-seeded Kevin Anderson of South Africa 6-7 (3), 7-6 (2), 7-6 (2) in the tallest final in ATP history.

The 6-foot-10 (2.08-meter) Isner, who lost in the Atlanta final in 2010 and '11 to fellow American Mardy Fish, won his seventh career title. Anderson, standing 6-foot-8 (2.03 meters), was seeded second.

The pro-Isner crowd had to sweat during the longest tour final — 2 hours, 54 minutes — this season.

Nobody should have been surprised that it came down to tiebreakers.

"This is a tournament where I could have been out in my first match. I lived on the edge all week, and seemed to come through for the good every time," Isner said after winning two of three tiebreakers to push his ATP-best tiebreaker record to 26-7. "It feels good to be on the right side."

Isner played at least one tiebreaker in all four of Atlanta matches (seven total), and he played at least one tiebreaker in 11 of 13 matches prior to Atlanta, 17 overall.

When Anderson snapped

Isner's streak of 12 straight tiebreaker wins to capture the first set, there was cause for concern. In all eight previous Isner-Anderson meetings, the winner of the first set won the match. Anderson won the first set tiebreaker, 7-3, as Isner unleashed a couple errant forehands following his own serves.

Isner also found trouble early in the second set. Trailing 1-0, he faced a triple service break. After battling back to deuce twice, he served Ad-out only to unleash one of his 24 aces on the way to holding serve. Isner had 95 aces in four matches.

He faced 11 service breaks Sunday and won them all, often with aces. He missed on his only chance to break Anderson's serve.

"I had a couple chances," the South African said. "He's proven himself to serve well when it matters. He stepped it up well. Even if I was the better player in the majority of the match, he stays in there."

"He definitely played two better tiebreakers than me; there's no question about that."

Getting to that third tiebreaker was dicey for Isner. Trailing 5-6, he faced two match points. The first time, Isner boomed a 143 mph



**John Isner poses with the trophy after defeating Kevin Anderson, of South Africa, in the final match at the Atlanta Open tennis tournament, Sunday, July 28, 2013, in Atlanta.**

**Associated Press**

(230 kph) ace. The second time — in a game that was at deuce five times — Anderson sent an unforced backhand error into the net.

The third tiebreaker was another 7-2 walkover.

Anderson served first and after his first found net, Isner correctly guessed at what was coming.

"On his second serve, he was never going out wide," Isner said. "So I told myself I was going to go around it (to hit forehand), and if he hit an ace so be it."

Isner returned, and Anderson sent a backhand into the net. Isner moved to 3-0 with a 141 mph (227 kph) ace and a 143 mph (230 kph) winner.

On his last serve, Isner lasered a 146 mph (235 kph) winner for a 6-1 lead. Anderson won the next point on serve, but the match ended when he went to the net following his serve and sent another backhand wide.

Anderson's service game was broken just once in 11 sets in Atlanta, but in the third tiebreaker Sunday, Isner won points on Anderson's first, third and fifth serves.

Isner lost in the 2010 and '11 Atlanta finals.

"It feels amazing because I lost to Mardy (Fish) twice, and losing to (eventual winner) Andy (Roddick) last year in the semis," said Isner, who survived a third set triple service break to force a tiebreaker before beating Lleyton Hewitt in the semis. "I've been super close."

Isner earned \$98,700 and will move up from his world rank of 22 and likely pass Sam Querrey (20) as the top American. Isner is 6-3 against Anderson, who began the tournament ranked No. 21. Anderson took home \$52,000.

France's Edouard Roger-Vasselin and the Netherlands's Igor Sijsling won the doubles title, beating Britain's Colin Fleming and Jonathan Marray 7-6, 6-3. □

# Cibulkova outlasts Radwanska to win at Stanford



**Dominika Cibulkova reacts after defeating Agnieszka Radwanska 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 in the finals of the Bank of the West Classic tennis tournament on Sunday, July 28, 2013, in Stanford, Calif.**

**ANTONIO GONZALEZ**

**AP Sports Writer**

**STANFORD, California (AP)**

— Dominika Cibulkova avenged one of the worst

losses ever in a WTA Tour final, outlasting Agnieszka Radwanska 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 to win the Bank of the West Classic on Sunday.

Seven months after failing to even win a game against Radwanska in the Sydney final, Cibulkova came out aggressively and put the top-seeded Radwanska on the run. The third-seeded Cibulkova overcame two service breaks in the final set — both on double-faults — to win the final four games.

The Slovak sealed the match on the fifth championship point with a backhand, crosscourt winner. She fell to the hard court and covered her face in celebration as her father, Milan, ran out of the stands to give her a hug.

"He got a little bit emotional," she said, smiling.

The victory gave Cibulkova

her third career singles title and first win against Radwanska in four attempts. Radwanska, ranked No. 4 in the world, fell to 12-5 in WTA finals.

The Polish star started the year by winning back-to-back tournaments at Auckland and Sydney, where she crushed Cibulkova 6-0, 6-0. It was the first whitewash in a final since November 2006 and only one in Cibulkova's career. The rematch had a far different feel from the start.

Cibulkova won the opening game on her serve, pumping her fist after flicking a forehand down the line. That confidence, which she admitted wore

down in the weeks following Radwanska's rout, never relented despite several setbacks. Radwanska ran back and to her right to extend her arm for an overhead winner to break Cibulkova at 3-2. She also hit a forehand winner down the line for another break to take the first set. Radwanska showed almost no emotion throughout another sun-splashed day on the Stanford campus. But Cibulkova's frustration never simmered, either — even drawing laughs from the crowd when she playfully slapped a ball away once with her hand after a point — and she positively pumped her fist and shouted at every chance. □



## Group accuses Apple supplier of labor abuses

BEIJING (AP) — A labor rights group Monday accused a Chinese company that makes iPhones for Apple Inc. of abuses including withholding employees' pay and excessive working hours.

China Labor Watch said it found violations of the law and of Apple's pledges about working conditions at factories operated by Pegatron Corp., a Taiwanese company.

Conditions in Chinese factories that produce iPhones and other popular Apple products have been under scrutiny following complaints about labor and environmental violations by a different supplier, Taiwan's Foxconn, a unit of Hon Hai Precision Industry Co.

Apple said in a statement it was "committed to providing safe and fair working conditions" and would investigate the claims about Pegatron. The Taiwanese company's chief executive, in a separate statement, also promised to investigate.

China Labor Watch said its investigation covered two factories in Shanghai and one in Suzhou, a nearby

city, that employ a total of 70,000 people. It found violations including discrimination against ethnic minorities and women, excessive work hours, poor living conditions, health and safety problems and pollution.

Pegatron assembles products including the iPhone 4, iPhone 4s and iPhone 5 for Apple, according to the report.

Apple said it confirmed one accusation by China Labor Watch — that identity cards of some workers were being held by management — and told Pegatron to stop.

Apple has published a code of conduct for its suppliers and joined the Fair Labor Association, a worker rights monitoring group. The association inspected Foxconn factories early last year and said in August that improvements it recommended were being carried out ahead of schedule.

Conditions in factories in China are a sensitive issue for foreign companies that outsource production of shoes, consumer electronics and other goods to local contractors. □



This April 4, 2013 file photo shows a BMW i3 electric compact car in Stuttgart, Germany. BMW AG is showing off Monday, July, 29, 2013, the production model of its new i3 electric compact aimed at people in megacities where exhaust emissions are a concern.

Associated Press

## BMW pulls wraps off i3 electric car

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — BMW AG is showing off the production model of its new i3 electric compact that uses carbon-fiber materials to keep the weight down and improve driving performance. CEO Norbert Reithofer stressed at a New York unveiling that the car

was designed as an electric from the ground up. The i3 is "born electric," he said. The company says the i3, built in Leipzig, Germany, will go from zero to 100kph (zero to 62 mph) in 7.2 seconds. Its range is billed as 130-160 kilometers (80-100 miles). Models with an op-

tional range extender gas engine can go as far as 300 kilometers (200 miles.)

The car goes on sale in November in Germany and other European markets starting at 34,950 euros (\$46,000) and reaches the U.S., Japan and China next year. □

## Foreign airlines urged to use GPS at San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — U.S. aviation officials have advised all foreign airlines to use a GPS system instead of visual reckoning and cockpit instruments when landing at San Francisco International Airport in the wake of the deadly Asiana Airlines crash.

The Federal Aviation Administration issued the recommendation Sunday, saying in a statement that it had noticed an increase in aborted landings by some foreign carriers flying visual approaches.

Pilots on Asiana Airlines Flight 214 had been cleared to make a visual approach when the plane crash-landed July 6. Three Chinese people died, and 180 people were injured among the 307 aboard. The plane from China and

South Korea came in too low and too slow, slamming its landing gear into a seawall well before the actual runway.

Seconds before the accident, the pilots called for a go-around, meaning they wanted to abort the landing and circle for another approach. The FAA said such maneuvers are "routine, standardized procedures that can occur once a day or more at busy airports for various reasons."

Two weeks after the crash, another Asiana flight aborted its landing, San Francisco airport officials said. In addition, they said a Taiwanese EVA Air flight approached too low last week, then aborted and began another approach. The FAA said it was investigating the EVA flight. It did

not say how many other such incidents have occurred.

Airport officials met with Asiana managers and FAA representatives after the July 19 aborted landing by the Asiana aircraft to see if any additional measures were necessary, airport spokesman Doug Yakel said.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein has met with federal and local officials about improving airport safety. Spokesman Brian Weiss said Monday that Feinstein also spoke with the South Korea ambassador. Asiana is based in that country.

In clear weather, it's not unusual for pilots to make a visual approach, using the view through their windshield. They also can use an instrument system called a



In this July 6, 2013, file photo, firefighters, lower center, stand by a tarpaulin sheet covering the body of a Chinese teen struck by a fire truck during the emergency response to the crash of Asiana Flight 214 at the San Francisco International Airport in San Francisco.

Associated Press

glide slope indicator, although that has been out of service in San Francisco since June 1 because of ongoing runway improvements.

The FAA said all foreign carriers should continue to use alternate instrument approaches until the glide slopes return to service in late August. □



## Stocks decline as a busy week for markets begins

**STEVE ROTHWELL**  
**AP Markets Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A blistering July rally on the stock market appears to be fading.

Stocks edged lower Monday as investors waited for a series of major economic reports due out this week. A string of big-name merger deals wasn't enough to push indexes higher.

On Wednesday the government will report its first estimate of U.S. economic growth for the second quarter, and on Friday it will publish its monthly jobs survey.

Both reports will give investors

a better idea about the strength of the economy and what's next for the Federal Reserve's stimulus program. Investors will hear from the Fed on Wednesday after the central bank winds up a two-day policy meeting. The Fed's stimulus has been a major factor supporting a four-year rally in stocks.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 36.86 points, or 0.2 percent, to 15,521.97. The Nasdaq composite dropped 14.02 points, or 0.4 percent, to 3,599.14.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 6.32 points, or 0.4 percent, to 1,685.33.

Seven of the 10 sectors in the index fell. The declines were led by energy companies and banks.

The benchmark index is still up 4.9 percent in July, and the S&P 500 is on track to have its best month since January. The index jumped this month, climbing to an all-time high July 22, after Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke assured investors that the Fed wouldn't cut its stimulus before the economy was ready. The central bank is buying \$85 billion a month to help keep interest rates low and encourage borrowing and hiring.

Stocks may struggle to add

to their gains, given that expectations for the economy remain modest, said Scott Wren, a senior equity strategist at Wells Fargo Advisors.

The U.S. economy is forecast to have grown just 0.5 percent in the second quarter, according to data provider FactSet. That would be slower than the 1.8 percent annual rate the economy expanded at in the first three months of the year.

"I don't think you're going to see the market sustain much higher levels than this," said Wren. "All this data is going to show that we are slowly improving, but it's a slow process and there's not much to get excited about."

A trio of corporate deals caught investors' attention Monday but failed to ignite the broader market.

Saks jumped after Canadian retailer Hudson's Bay, the parent company of Lord & Taylor, agreed to buy the luxury store operator for \$2.4 billion, or \$16 a share. Saks rose 64 cents, or 4.2 percent, to \$15.95.

Interpublic Group, a big advertising company, gained after Omnicom Group, another big advertiser, agreed to combine with France's Publicis Groupe to create the world's largest advertising company. Interpublic rose 74 cents, or 4.7 percent, to \$16.61. □

## Valeant to cut jobs; Bausch and Lomb HQ to be moved

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Valeant said Monday that it will eliminate as much as 15 percent of its workforce and move Bausch & Lomb's headquarters to New Jersey as part of its \$8.7 billion acquisition of the company.

In a letter to its own and Bausch & Lomb workers, Valeant said that after the deal closes, it will eliminate between 10 percent and 15 percent of positions companywide. That works out to between 1,850 and 2,775 people and is expected to include both Valeant and Bausch & Lomb workers.

The Canadian drugmaker said it will remain based in Quebec, but it will move Bausch & Lomb's Rochester, New York, headquarters to New Jersey. The U.S. company's three businesses will be combined into one unit.

Valeant announced plans in May to buy Bausch & Lomb, one of the world's best-known makers of contact lenses, marking a massive expansion of its own smaller ophthalmology business.

The company said at that time that the cash deal will help it capitalize on increasing demand for contact lenses and other products because of aging populations, growing demand in emerging markets and increasing rates of diabetes. Complications of the complex blood sugar disorder can damage the eyes over time.

Valeant expects to achieve at least \$800 million in annual cost savings by the end of next year, and said the acquisition will add to its profits immediately.

Investment firm Warburg Pincus, which leads an investment group that owns Bausch & Lomb, will receive \$4.5 billion in cash. The remaining \$4.2 billion will be used to repay Bausch & Lomb's debt.

U.S. shares of Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc. rose 4 cents to \$92 in afternoon trading. □



Omnicom Group CFO Randall Weisenburger, left, and President and CEO John Wren, second left, join hands with Publicis Groupe Chairman and CEO Maurice Levy, third left, and CFO Jean-Michel Etienne as they pose for photos on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Monday, July 29, 2013. Omnicom Group Inc. and Publicis Groupe SA say they are combining in a "merger of equals" that will create the world's largest advertising firm, one worth more than \$35 billion.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

## Wynn Q2 earnings fall short as Macau stalls

**HANNAH DREIER**  
**Associated Press**

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — Wynn Resorts Ltd. said Monday that it made less money than expected in the Chinese gambling enclave of Macau, and its second quarter missed analysts' forecasts.

Excluding special items Wynn made \$1.51 per share on revenue of \$1.33 billion in the latest quarter. Analysts polled by FactSet forecast, on average, earnings of \$1.57 per share on revenue of \$1.34 billion. Revenue from Wynn's two properties on the recently sluggish Las Vegas Strip soared by 16.2 percent

compared with last year. But revenue in the usually robust Macau market was up by just 2.6 percent, due in part to hotel renovations that limited the number of available rooms.

In a conference call with analysts Monday, CEO Steve Wynn warned against interpreting the relatively strong showing in Las Vegas as a sign that Sin City is finally bouncing back along with the rest of the U.S. economy from the crushing blow dealt by the Great Recession.

"I think we are having a limp-wristed sort of crawl out of a hole, but a recovery is a more robust word,"

he said.

Instead, the billionaire casino mogul attributed the jump in revenue from the Wynn Las Vegas and Encore casinos to the "premium niche" the company has carved out in Macau.

"Our brand, because of the market segment we cater to, tends to benefit from the international market. In these emerging markets, a lot of people are enjoying success outside the United States, and they make their way to Las Vegas. And I think that we are one of the first choices for that kind of visitation," he said.

Wynn noted that the com-

pany is refurbishing 600 rooms in the Wynn Macau Resort, which opened in 2006, and the renovations have taken a sixth of the available inventory out of commission.

An hour from Hong Kong by ferry, Macau is the only place in China where casino gambling is legal, and has become the biggest gambling center in the world, as the Chinese middle class has expanded in recent years.

Revenue per available room, or revpar, at Wynn Macau increased 5 percent to \$300. The metric is a key gauge of a hotel operator's performance. □



# Bloomberg Media recruits a new chief from The Atlantic

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Justin B. Smith, whose digital strategy swiftly transformed The Atlantic, one of the statelier media vessels around, is about to get a bigger boat. On Monday, Bloomberg will announce that Smith, the president of Atlantic Media, will be named chief executive of the Bloomberg Media Group. He will report to Daniel L. Doctoroff, chief executive of Bloomberg. Andrew Lack, who managed the media division for five years, will become chairman. After joining The Atlantic in 2007, Smith developed a reputation as an aggressive promoter of digital media who was able to reconfigure

a 156-year-old magazine into a genuine multiplatform property.

In a letter to the staff about Smith's departure, David Bradley, the owner of Atlantic Media, credited Smith with bringing the company to profitability for the first time under his ownership; doubling revenue; and creating a number of successful digital startups, including The Atlantic Wire and Quartz.

His quick results at the Atlantic Media Co. drew the attention of executives at Bloomberg, who began talking to him at the end of last year.

"We know that every part of media is being disrupted by technology, and we need someone who

understands that," Doctoroff said. "Justin can drive things forward here

of the confluence of journalism and multiple platforms." The move will give



**Justin Smith, a president of Atlantic Media Company who earned a reputation as an aggressive promoter of digital media, was named chief executive of the Bloomberg Media Group on Monday, July 29, 2013.**

(Daniel Rosenbaum/The New York Times)

because he has an incredibly digital sensibility with a unique understanding

Smith significant scale and a connection with Bloomberg's lucrative terminal

business, which produces revenue that allows the company to invest aggressively in media properties. The company has had success in moving from a linear television business to a more diverse model of video distribution, while the acquisition of Businessweek gave Bloomberg an editorial cachet it historically lacked. Even with those successes, the media division has long been treated as a marketing amenity for subscribers to the terminal business. Despite its recent growth, the media division has struggled to gain a consumer base for its properties, which include television, print, radio, mobile, events and digital media. □

# Icahn, investor contests condition in latest Dell offer

TOM MURPHY

AP Business Writer

Billionaire investor Carl Icahn is renewing his attack on Michael Dell's leadership and warning that the latest offer from Dell to buy the struggling PC maker he founded bypasses an important shareholder safeguard.

Icahn and the investment firm Southeastern Asset Management said Monday in a letter to a special committee of Dell Inc. board members that Michael Dell wants to circum-

vent the voting process behind a deal by preventing stockholders from passively rejecting his offer.

Icahn and Southeastern are major Dell shareholders who have been leading a push to defeat Michael Dell's takeover plan. They also want Michael Dell ousted as the company's leader. To that end, Icahn raised the acrimony by telling shareholders in a separate, open letter Monday that the struggling PC maker has a major liability that can easily be removed to

improve company value.

"If Dell can replace Michael Dell, I think that the company would be worth far, far more," Icahn wrote. A Dell spokesman declined to comment on Icahn's letters. Last week, a group led by Michael Dell and the investment firm Silver Lake Partners raised its buyout offer for the Round Rock, Texas, company to \$13.75 per share, up a dime from \$13.65. But they also want a change in the voting rules. They say the offer's fate must be decided

by the shareholders who choose to vote either in favor of the plan or against it. Under the existing rules, non-voting shareholders are counted as opponents of the proposal.

Icahn and Southeastern said in their letter to the board that they believe many Dell stockholders who oppose the deal may have not voted because they knew their inaction would count as a vote against the merger. They say the group led by Michael Dell is now essen-

tially offering to pay a dime per share for a new voting method that prevents those stockholders from rejecting the deal.

"We trust that you will see this for what it is and recognize that proper protections for stockholders of Dell should not be offered for sale to anyone at any price," the letter stated, adding that the standard for approval that counts non-voting shares is perhaps the only safeguard for shareholders included in the deal. □

# Saks sells itself to Hudson's Bay, owner of Lord & Taylor

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Saks Inc. agreed Monday to sell itself to the Hudson's Bay Co. for about \$2.4 billion in cash, uniting the storied luxury retailer with Lord & Taylor and the Canadian chain Hudson's Bay.

Under the terms of the deal, the Hudson's Bay Co. will pay \$16 a share in cash, about 4.5 percent higher than Saks' closing price on Friday. The price is about 30 percent higher than its closing price on May 20, the last day before reports about a possible sale began to emerge.

Including the assumption of debt, the transaction is valued at roughly \$2.9 billion. The deal will create

an even bigger player in the world of retail, with the

merged retailer would have report-



**Saks Fifth Avenue in New York, July 29, 2013. Saks Inc. agreed on Monday to sell itself to the Hudson's Bay Company for about \$2.4 billion in cash, uniting the storied luxury retailer with Lord & Taylor and the Canadian chain Hudson's Bay.**

(Demetrius Freeman/The New York Times)

combined company running 320 locations in total, 179 of which are full depart-

ed revenue of about \$7 billion in the 2012 fiscal year. Among the attractions of

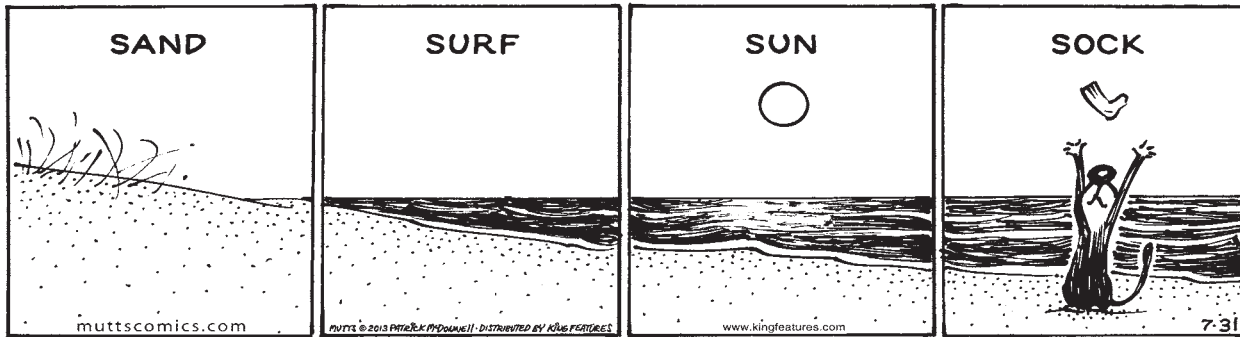
the deal are cost savings, with Hudson's Bay expecting to reap about \$97.3 million within the next three years. It will also introduce Saks Fifth Avenue stores, Off Fifth outlets and the Saks website into Canada. "This exciting portfolio of three iconic brands creates one of North America's premier fashion retailers," Richard A. Baker, Hudson's Bay's chairman and chief executive. "I've had a long connection with Saks over the years, and am thrilled to bring one of the world's most recognized luxury retailers into the HBC family." Steven I. Sadove, the chief executive of Saks, added, "We are excited about what this opportunity and

being part of a much larger enterprise can mean for the future of the Saks Fifth Avenue brand."

The deal was announced several months after Saks began entertaining the idea of a sale. A number of other parties had expressed interest in either buying the 90-year-old department store chain or making a substantial investment in it, people briefed on the matter said previously. Among them were Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, which had considered trying to arrange a merger of Saks with a rival, Neiman Marcus; and the Qatar Investment Authority, a sovereign wealth fund of the Middle Eastern emirate. □



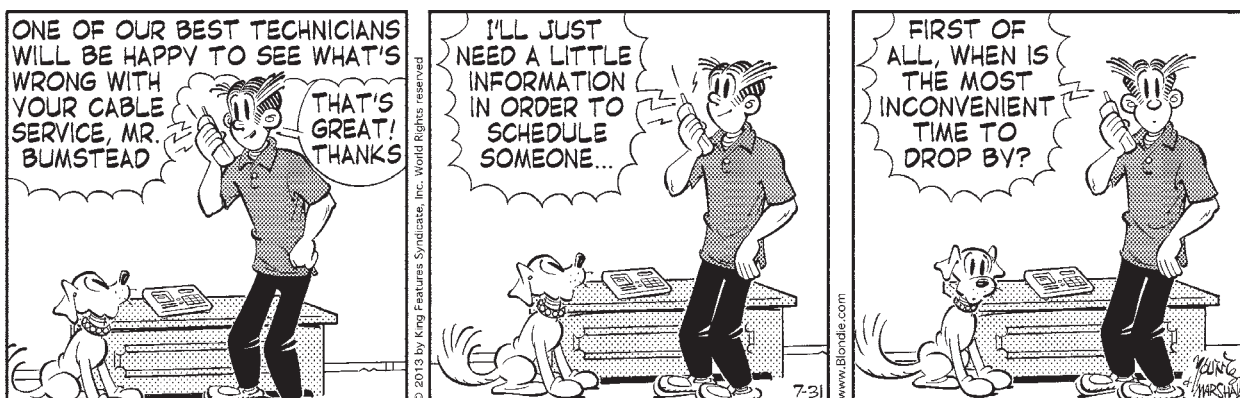
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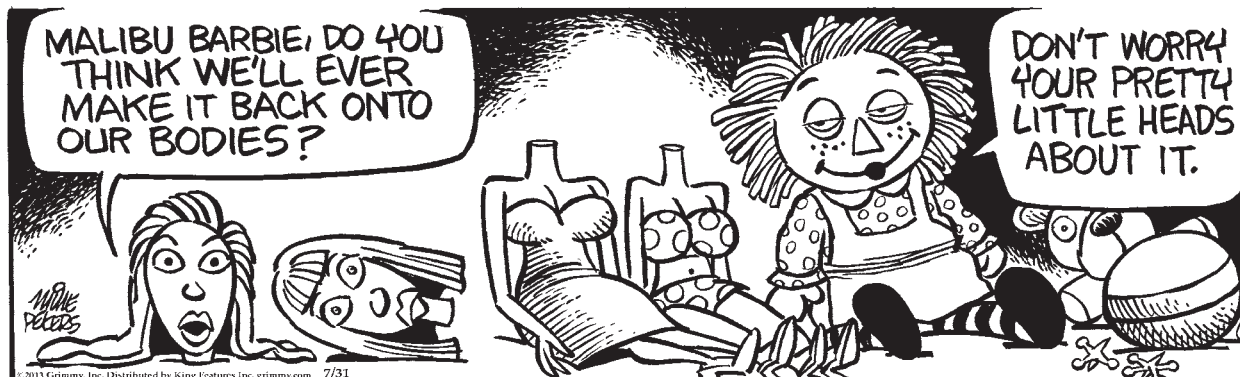
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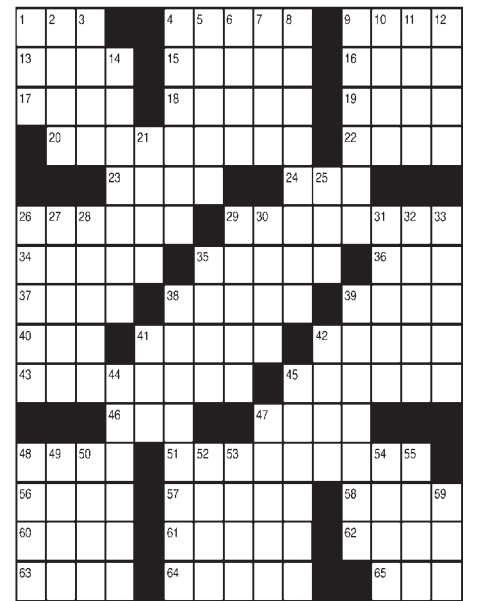
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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## ACROSS

- As cool \_\_\_ cucumber
- Quickly
- Weapons
- Family member
- Evans and Robertson
- Leak out
- Get \_\_\_; take revenge
- \_\_\_ have the foggiest; was clueless
- \_\_\_ out; become dilapidated
- Clear from blame
- In a lazy way
- One of the planets
- In one \_\_\_ and out the other
- Shoulder \_\_\_; purse features
- Tasting a bite of
- Nation in South America
- Beer
- Man's title
- Depend
- Confined in a pen
- Run away
- "\_\_\_ you kidding me?"
- Cooks in oil
- Portion
- Street vendors
- Used foul language
- Bread variety
- Well-to-do
- Flat bean
- Becoming extremely alarmed
- City in Utah
- Wipe away
- Lunchtime
- Grandma
- Fight off
- Fence opening
- Finishes
- Impudent
- In what way?



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## Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

## DOWN

- Ridicule
- Rescue
- Highest point
- Snakes
- Couples
- "M\*A\*S\*H" star
- Penny
- Highly respected
- Like eddying waters
- Rex or Donna
- Repast
- Agile; lively
- Peculiar thing
- Back of the neck
- Spring month; abbr.
- Leftover bit
- In that place
- Irritated
- Wise men
- Grows gray
- Cruise ship stops, perhaps
- Brother's daughter
- Hog's vice
- Lion's den
- Trailing plants
- Lake activity
- Winged insect
- Hockey disk
- Plays
- Actress Tyson
- Goes higher
- Solitary
- Persia, today
- Repair
- Region
- Siestas
- Actor Wyle
- \_\_\_ bat for; defend verbally
- Just purchased

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EDWARDS	MACABRE	
	PAS	SOBER
ABBIE	HER	DIANA
PALS	DON	LESSEN
AGO	REGALED	CAN
CENSUS	TEE	TORO
ELDER	MOO	BETSY
	LABOR	SEA
SMALLER	REACHED	
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PEWS	TENSE	RELY

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# Paula Deen's cook tells of slights, steeped in history

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**SAVANNAH, Ga.** - Dora Charles and Paula Deen were soul sisters. That's what Deen called the black cook from the start, even before the books and the television shows and the millions of dollars. For 22 years, Charles was the queen of the Deen kitchens. She helped open the Lady & Sons, the restaurant here that made Deen's career. She developed recipes, trained other cooks and made sure everything down to the collard greens tasted right. "If it's a Southern dish," Deen once said, "you better not put it out unless it passes this woman's tongue."

The money was not great. Charles spent years making less than \$10 an hour, even after Deen became a Food Network star. And there were tough moments. She said Deen used racial slurs. Once she wanted Charles to ring a dinner bell in front of the restaurant, hollering for people to come and get it.

"I said, 'I'm not ringing no bell,'" Charles said. "That's a symbol to me of what we used to do back in the day."

For a black woman in Savannah with a ninth-grade education, though, it was good steady work. And Deen, she said, held out the promise that together, they might get rich one day.

Now, Deen, 66, is fighting empire-crushing accusations of racism, and Charles, 59 and nursing a bad shoulder, lives in aging trailer home on the outskirts of Savannah.

"It's just time that everybody knows that Paula Deen don't treat me the way they think she treat me," she said.

The relationship between Charles and Deen is a complex one, laced with history and deep affection, whose roots can be traced back to the antebellum South. Depending on whether Charles or Deen tells the story, it illustrates lives of racial inequity or benevolence.

Jessica B. Harris, a culinary scholar whose books have explored the role of Africans in the Southern kitchen, said Deen and Charles are characters in a story that has been played out since slaves started cooking for whites. "Peering through the window of someone else's success when you have been instrumental in creating that success is not a good feeling," Harris said. "Think about who made money from the blues."

Early on, Charles claims, Deen made her a deal: "Stick with me, Dora, and I promise you one day if I get rich you'll get rich."

Now, Charles said, she

downs of Mrs. Charles' life." Investigators for the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson's Rainbow PUSH Coalition have spoken to Charles. Robert Patillo, a lawyer for the coalition, visited Savannah in June and July to interview Deen's restaurant employees, including Charles, who still works at the Lady & Sons.

The 20 or so others Patillo spoke with were divided on the conditions for black and white workers. Some said there was bias against blacks, while others said the Lady & Sons was a terrific place to work.

The Rainbow PUSH report said, "There was evidence of systemic racial discrimi-

vacation time to do so, though her expenses were paid. She sometimes received clothes and other free goods that came along as Deen's star rose. Charles' family and friends got jobs with Deen, including Ineata Jones, whom everyone called Jellyroll. She ended up as close to Deen as Charles was.

Deen used Jones for restaurant theater. At 11 a.m., when the doors opened at the Lady & Sons, she stood in front and rang an iron dinner bell, something she had asked Charles to do as well. An image of Jones doing just that was turned into a postcard sold at Paula Deen stores.



**Dora Charles, a chef at Paula Deen's restaurant, The Lady and Sons, prepares dinner at her home in Garden City, Ga. Deen, 66, had once called Charles her soul sister, but now she is fighting empire-crushing accusations of racism and Charles, 59 and nursing a bad shoulder, lives in aging trailer home on the outskirts of Savannah, Ga.**

(Dylan Wilson/The New York Times)

wished she had gotten that in writing.

"I didn't think I had to 'cause we were real close back then," she said.

That is where the two women's stories diverge. Deen, through her publicity team, offered a statement denying all of Charles' accusations: "Fundamentally Dora's complaint is not about race but about money. It is about an employee that despite over 20 years of generosity feels that she still deserves yet even more financial support from Paula Deen."

What is more, the document states, Deen "provided guidance and support through the many ups and

nation and harassment at the operations." But, it went on to say, "there is limited evidence of direct racism or racial discrimination" by Deen.

Charles says she is not expecting any money from Deen, especially not now. "I'm not trying to portray that she is a bad person," she said. "I'm just trying to put my story out there that she didn't treat me fairly and I was her soul sister."

There were perks and kindnesses. Charles attended Deen's wedding. Sometimes Charles appeared on the television shows as part of her day job. She also performed on Deen's signature cruises, taking

Jones was also in charge of making hoecakes, the cornmeal pancakes served to every guest. Deen had designed a station so diners could watch them being made. At both jobs, Charles and other employees said, Deen wanted Jones to dress in an old-style Aunt Jemima outfit.

"Jellyroll didn't want to hear that," Charles said. "She didn't want to do that." In her statement, Deen said she never asked anyone to dress like Aunt Jemima. Nor, she said, has she referred to Charles and others using a racially offensive term for a black child, as Charles claims. □

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# Pigs smart as dogs? Activists pose the question

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AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — There's extensive evidence that pigs are as smart and sociable as dogs. Yet one species is afforded affection and respect; the other faces mass slaughter en route to becoming bacon, ham and pork chops.

Seeking to capitalize on that discrepancy, animal-welfare advocates are launching a campaign called The Someone Project that aims to highlight research depicting pigs, chickens, cows and other farm animals as more intelligent and emotionally complex than commonly believed. The hope is that more people might view these animals with the same empathy that they view dogs, cats, elephants, great apes and dolphins.

"When you ask people why they eat chickens but not cats, the only thing they can come up with is that they sense cats and dogs are more cognitively sophisticated than then species we eat — and we know this isn't true," said Bruce Friedrich of Farm Sanctuary, the animal-protection and vegan-advocacy organization that is coordinating the new project.

"What it boils down to is people don't know farm animals the way they know dogs or cats," Friedrich said. "We're a nation of animal lovers, and yet the animals we encounter most frequently are the animals we pay people to kill so we can eat them."

The lead scientist for the project is Lori Marino, a lecturer in psychology at Emory University who has conducted extensive research on the intelligence of whales, dolphins and primates. She plans to re-



**Anastasia, a young farm pig, walks around her yard after being vaccinated and micro-chipped at the Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary in Ravenna, Ohio on Monday, April 23, 2007. Anastasia is one of 10 rescued farm and potbelly pigs receiving medical preparation for their trip from the Ravenna sanctuary to their new home at the Humane Farming Association in Elk Creek, Calif.**

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view existing scientific literature on farm animals' intelligence, identify areas warranting new research, and prepare reports on her findings that would be circulated worldwide via social media, videos and her personal attendance at scientific conferences.

"I want to make sure this is all taken seriously," Marino said in an interview. "The point is not to rank these animals but to re-educate people about who they are. They are very sophisticated animals."

For Marino and Friedrich, who are both vegans, the goals of the project are twofold — to build broader public support for humane treatment of farm animals and to boost the ranks of Americans who choose not to eat meat.

"This project is not a way to strong-arm people into going vegan overnight but giving them a fresh perspective and maybe making them a little uncomfortable," Marino said.

"Maybe they'll be thinking,

force their lifestyle on others."

Gwen Venable of the U.S. Poultry and Egg Association said poultry provides a valuable, affordable source of protein.

"Consumers should be able to choose their food based on their own dietary preferences and nutritional needs and without being unduly influenced by any one group's personal agenda," she wrote in an email. "We do not feel that Farm Sanctuary's campaign is reasonable, as the campaign's ultimate goal would be to eradicate poultry and pork from consumers' diets."

Thomas Super of the National Chicken Council said efforts to link farm animals with household pets was

cial, playful and protective animals with a vocabulary of more than 20 different oinks, grunts and squeaks. "Pigs are known to dream, recognize their own names, learn tricks like sitting for a treat, and lead social lives of a complexity previously observed only in primates," the website says. "Like humans, pigs enjoy listening to music, playing with soccer balls, and getting massages."

The website recounts news stories of pigs saving the lives of imperiled humans and saving themselves by jumping off trucks bound for slaughterhouses.

Bob Martin, a food systems expert at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, said he developed an appreciation of pigs' emotional complexity while serving recently as executive director of the Pew Commission on Industrial Farm Animal Production.

"Pigs in gestation crates show a lot of signs of depression," he said.

Bernard Rollin, a Colorado State University professor who teaches both philosophy and animal science, said he expected increasing numbers of meat-eaters to join the ranks of those demanding changes in the way pigs are housed at many large facilities.

"You have to have ideological blindness to think these animals are not intelligent," Rollin said. "I hope we go back to an agriculture that works more with the animals' biological and psychological needs and nature rather than against them."

"The trouble is, we're used to seeing them as herds," he said.

"You see 1,000 cows or pigs and think, 'Oh, they're all the same.' But there are actually huge individual differences."

According to Farm Sanctuary, cows become excited over intellectual challenges, chickens can navigate mazes and anticipate the future, and sheep can remember the faces of dozens of individual humans and other sheep for more than two years. □



**Lori Marino, a lecturer in psychology at Emory University who has conducted extensive research on the intelligence of whales, dolphins and primates, is photographed in her office in Atlanta on Friday, July 26, 2013.**

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"Hmm, I didn't know cows and pigs could recognize each other and have special friends," she said. "That might make them squirm a little, but that's OK."

The major associations representing chicken and pork producers say the farmers they represent already have taken strides to minimize cruel treatment of farm animals.

"While animals raised for food do have a certain degree of intelligence, Farm Sanctuary is seeking to humanize them to advance its vegan agenda — an end to meat consumption," said David Warner of the National Pork Producers Council. "While vegans have a right to express their opinion — and we respect that right — they should not

part of a strategy to create a "meat-free society." He also contended that the farmers and companies involved in raising chickens have a vested interest in ensuring they are healthy and well-treated.

While The Someone Project will encompass several species of farm animals, pigs are likely to be one of the prime subjects, given the breadth of past studies of their intelligence and behavior. Some researchers say pigs' cognitive abilities are superior to 3-year-old children, as well as to dogs and cats.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals has a section on its website entitled "The Hidden Lives of Pigs" which depicts them as so-

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In this Jan. 27, 2013 file photo, Cory Monteith, left, and Lea Michele arrive at the 19th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles.

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## Lea Michele breaks silence after Cory Monteith death

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Lea Michele is breaking her silence online after her "Glee" co-star and real-life boyfriend Cory Monteith died of an overdose earlier this month.

The actress posted a photo of her and Monteith on Twitter Monday, along with a message thanking her followers for "helping me through this time with your enormous love & support."

"Cory will forever be in my heart," Michele wrote. Monteith was found dead July 13 in Vancouver, British Columbia.

An autopsy revealed the 31-year-old actor died of an overdose of heroin and alcohol.

He and Michele played an on-again, off-again couple in the popular Fox series and were an off-screen couple for about a year. □

## S. Africa: Theron pledges help in AIDS fight

**JOHANNESBURG (AP)** — Actress Charlize Theron has pledged her support in the campaign against AIDS during a meeting with South African President Jacob Zuma.

Theron, an ambassador for the United Nations program on AIDS, met Zuma in Pretoria on Monday to discuss the fight against AIDS in South Africa and across the continent.

The South Africa-born actress says the world has the ability to usher in "an AIDS-free generation." She says that the goal can become a reality with strong leadership like that displayed by Zuma.

According to UNAIDS, South Africa has reduced the number of new HIV infections by 12 percent in the last two years. Last year, more than 8 million



South African-born Hollywood actress Charlize Theron takes a question during her joint media conference with South African President Jacob Zuma, unseen, after their meeting at his Union Building office in Pretoria, South Africa, Monday, 29 July 2013.

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HIV tests were done. However, South Africa wants citizens to get tested at least once a year. □

# TV channel to re-examine President Kennedy killing

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**(AP)** — Weeks before the 50th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's assassination this fall, a TV network will take another look at the killing in a docudrama that suggests a Secret Service agent fired one of the bullets that felled Kennedy.

ReelzChannel's "JFK: The Smoking Gun" is based on the work of retired Australian police Detective Colin McLaren and the book "Mortal Error: The Shot that Killed JFK" by Bonar Menninger. McLaren spent four years combing through evidence from Kennedy's death on Nov. 22, 1963, in Dallas. He and Menninger also relied on ballistics evidence from an earlier book by Howard Donahue.

The two-hour docudrama airs Nov. 3 in the U.S., Canada and Australia. It suggests that agent George Hickey fired one of the bullets that hit Kennedy. Hickey, who is now dead, was riding in the car behind Kennedy's limo that day.



This undated publicity photo provided by National Geographic Channel shows Rob Lowe as President John F. Kennedy on the set of National Geographic Channel's "Killing Kennedy," in Richmond, Va.

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When Lee Harvey Oswald fired his first shot, McLaren said Hickey responded by trying to fire back on Oswald's position using his Secret Service-issued rifle. But because he was inexperienced with the weapon and the car lurched forward, McLaren said the shot went awry and accidentally hit Kennedy, who was struck in the neck but quite possibly not fatally wounded by Oswald's second shot.

"We don't suggest that he was in any way involved in a conspiracy," McLaren said of Hickey. The Warren Commission report in the 1960s concluded that Oswald was the lone gunman in officially explaining the assassination. The program is ReelzChannel's second Kennedy-related offering. In 2011, the cable channel aired "The Kennedys" after History Channel dropped the miniseries amid reports that the real-life Kennedy family was unhappy about the project. □

## Review: C.J. Box returns with 'The Highway'

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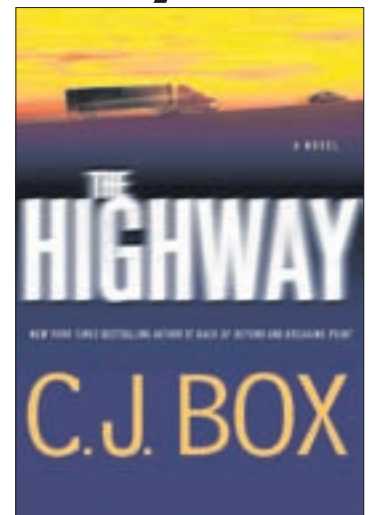
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Sixteen-year-old Gracie Sullivan is book-smart and resourceful, but her 18-year-old sister, Danielle, is impetuous, self-involved and boy-crazy. As "The Highway" opens, they're driving cross-country from their divorced mother's home in Colorado to celebrate Thanksgiving with their dad — until plans change. Over Gracie's strenuous objections, Danielle detours toward Helena, Mont., to woo her boyfriend, Justin Hoyt, who doesn't want her to come. Ronald Pergram, a long-haul trucker and sexual predator who calls himself the Lizard King, trails them through Montana in his Peterbilt semi. His "fun," as he calls it, has been discovered by a couple of creeps who want to get in on the action. When Danielle and Gracie vanish on their trip through the mountains, Justin calls his dad, Cody Hoyt, whom

we first met as a swashbuckling, rule-breaking lawman in Box's 2011 thriller, "Back of Beyond." But when Justin reaches him, Cody is on a drunk after being fired from the Lewis and Clark County Sheriff's Department for planting evidence.

Alarmed by Justin's call, Cody quickly sobers up, and with the help of his ex-partner, a feisty but inexperienced investigator named Cassie Dewell, he sets out to track down the girls.

The result is a violent, tension-packed, well-written thriller spiced with Box's vivid portrayal of the Western landscape that he loves. Along the way, Box also drops in surprising insights about the itinerant lives of long-haul truckers. Box's previous thrillers, most of them featuring Wyoming game warden Joe Pickett, have all featured strong, tough-talking male protagonists, but the heroes of this one are the



Bruce DeSilva, winner of the Mystery Writers of America's Edgar Award, is the author of "Cliff Walk" and "Rogue Island."

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underestimated Cassie, who proves to be both tough and resourceful, and the courageous Gracie, who keeps her head when her flighty sister falls apart. "The Highway" is the second new thriller this year from the prolific Box, who seems to get better with every book. □



# PBS: Acting like a network as well as service

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Honey Boo Boo, the management at PBS wants to thank you. You, too, real housewives. And naked castaways, Long Island princesses, breakaway Amish, storage warriors, pawn stars and pickers. People at public television may not want to watch you, but they are happy to see you.

When Discovery, The Learning Channel, History, Bravo, A&E and similar networks emerged, there was a real fear it could lead to the death of PBS. Each specialized network would pick off a portion of PBS' audience for programs on science, nature, history and the arts. Founded as an alternative to commercial TV, PBS was losing what made it unique.

Yet in the past few years, these cable networks discovered that it was much more profitable to create reality TV stars. PBS' path was cleared, and it is making the most of its new chance. "It is now once again something that the viewer can't get anywhere else," said Beth Hoppe, PBS' programming chief. PBS' viewership slipped steadily starting in 1993, which hardly made it unusual in a world with an ever-increasing number of choices. Since 2009, that trend has reversed. PBS' average prime-time audience has ticked back up from 1.9 million four years ago to 2.1 million now, with



This publicity image released by PBS shows, from left, Trixie Franklin, Cynthia Miller, Jenny Lee, and Chummy Noakes from the PBS series "Call the Midwife."

the growth faster among young people. Certainly the sensation of "Downton Abbey" is a key factor, but the growth isn't just on Sunday. Hoppe is trying to infuse PBS with new energy, make its projects more timely and get her colleagues to treat it as a television network instead of just a public service.

Hoppe worked at PBS stations in New Hampshire, Boston and New York City and remembers well the worries when new cable networks started.

"We were concerned that people would consider us irrelevant because we were no longer providing a service, or that we would no longer be perceived as providing a service that

people couldn't get anywhere else," she said. Maybe PBS' programs were better, but that might not matter, she said.

She left PBS to join the new wave, taking a job at Discovery to produce science programming for its networks. She knew it was time for something else when an executive asked her to go to Los Angeles to "add sex and celebrities" to the "Curiosity" series she was working on. Hoppe talked to old friend Paula Kerger, the president and CEO of the Public Broadcasting Service, to see if there was room for her if she returned. There was, and by last December, she was made responsible for PBS' programming department.

Hoppe cites Animal Planet's mermaids shows as examples of something PBS would never do. "Mermaids: The Body Found" played like a documentary but was an admitted fake and was a huge success, spawning a sequel.

PBS, meanwhile, is a Snookie-free zone. "It's not that the programming is bad," Kerger said. "It's just different, that's all. They're in a different business." Hoppe has tried to make PBS more topical, ordering a lengthy examination of guns in America that ran a month after the Newtown, Conn., school shooting. She pushed PBS producers for programs looking at the Boston Marathon bombing, the meteorite that exploded over Russia in February and Superstorm Sandy. "She comes to her job with a filmmaker's sensibility," said John Bredar, vice president of national programming at Boston's WGBH, the largest supplier of PBS programming. "She understands things from the ground up as a producer, as opposed to someone who just commissions work. She's someone who has a visceral understanding of what the market is like."

In October, PBS' "Frontline" is collaborating with ESPN for "Concussion Watch," an investigation into health

issues caused by violent collisions in the National Football League.

PBS will aggressively mine anniversaries as programming hooks. This fall brings an "American Masters" special on Billie Jean King 40 years after her "Battle of the Sexes" tennis match with Bobby Riggs and a show on "War of the Worlds" 75 years after the radio program incited panic.

As with other networks, the 50th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's assassination will be given attention. PBS' programming will include a four-hour portrait of Kennedy, a "cold case" look at evidence in the shooting and a minute-by-minute recap of the killing from the firing of shots to when CBS' Walter Cronkite reported Kennedy's death. That's what Hoppe means when she talks about thinking like a network instead of just a service, anticipating the interests of viewers. There's a difference between waiting to see what work producers will offer you and actively going out with some of your own ideas. PBS is also trying to bring more consistency to a schedule that encompasses several genres. Programmers call it "flow," and in this case it means concentrating science programming on Wednesday, arts on Friday, with more history and news-oriented shows on Monday and Tuesday. "I'm so delighted that she's in this job and really trying to help us become more timely, to bring more context in and really look to refresh what new genres we could bring to public television," Kerger said. While there's much on cable TV that PBS doesn't want to emulate, Hoppe said the competition has pushed public broadcasting to be more innovative. She considers "Antiques Roadshow" an example. The success of miniseries like History's "Hatfields & McCoys" and "The Bible" is pushing PBS to get into that genre, with the first project under development involving the Civil War. □

## Hillary Clinton to get documentary treatment

**BEVERLY HILLS, California**

**(AP)** — Hillary Rodham Clinton's life is getting the documentary treatment. CNN Films said Monday that it plans a feature-length film on the former U.S. secretary of state and former first lady to premiere next year. It will look at Clinton's professional and personal lives.

The film from Oscar-winning director and producer Charles Ferguson will have a theatrical run before air-

ing on CNN.

Last weekend, NBC announced the four-hour miniseries "Hillary" starring Diane Lane. No air date was announced, but it is timed to precede the 2016 presidential election.

Clinton hasn't said whether she'll make another run for the Democratic nomination for president.

NBC says the miniseries will track Clinton's life and career from 1998 to the present. □



This July 16, 2013 file photo shows former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton addressing the 51st Delta Sigma Theta National Convention in Washington.

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## Baby Formula Barometer



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Edward Wong's terrific front-page article in The New York Times was as good an encapsulation of the issues currently facing China and its economy as anything you're likely to read on the subject. As it tries to move from a fast-growing, export-oriented, developing economy to a more mature economy, it keeps bumping up against problems that could prevent it from becoming the kind of economic power it so clearly longs to be. These problems are almost entirely self-inflicted.

Wong's article was about, of all things, infant formula. Specifically, it was about how Chinese parents with connections and money scramble to buy formula abroad, even though there is plenty available in China. They hire people who will go into stores in Britain and elsewhere and buy formula for them. Or they buy formula that has been smuggled in from Hong Kong - where smuggling infant formula is now a serious crime. Mainly, Chinese parents want to ensure that the formula they are feeding their babies has never been touched by a Chinese company.

The reason is obvious. In 2008, six babies died and some 300,000 became ill after their mothers fed them baby milk products that were tainted with the chemical melamine. Ever since, Chinese mothers haven't trusted domestically made baby milk products - starting with formula.

In fact, as I learned during my recent visit to China, Chinese consumers don't trust a lot of Chinese-made goods. In recent years, there have been food scandals surrounding cooking oil, eggs and meat, for starters. A few months ago, according to Time magazine, three people were caught processing pigs that had died of infectious diseases. A few years ago, contamination of Chinese-produced heparin, the blood-thinner, was linked to 81 deaths. Chinese consumers don't even favor Chinese cars - foreign models dominate the market - because they fear that someone may have taken a shortcut (or worse) that will cause the car to die.

So problem No. 1: At a time when China is trying to build a domestic economy to match its export economy, there is a complete lack of faith in Chinese companies. "It is not about branding,"

an American businessman living in Shanghai told me (he feared consequences to his business if he let me use his name). Rather, he said, there is a sense among consumers that no matter what the industry, too many Chinese businesspeople are willing to scam their own customers to make a buck.

With corner-cutting deeply ingrained as a Chinese business practice, it's really up to the government to change that ethos through regulation and enforcement. But while the central government is more than happy to pass nice-sounding laws, there is virtually no enforcement, and no real culture of regulation either. That's problem No. 2. Provincial governments that are supposed to oversee, say, the food supply, are often either in on the scam, or look the other way because they fear that a crackdown might impede economic growth. And officials are evaluated almost exclusively on the basis of growth. Problem No. 3: bad incentives.

And if your car does break down in six months because a supplier sold faulty parts - or your child dies from tainted infant formula? There's not a thing you can do. Yes, when a big scandal breaks, some crooks go to prison, but even the biggest scandals don't lead to systematic change. Nor is there any way to seek recompense in the courts; in the West, that has long served to help keep companies on the straight and narrow. The lack of a real rule of law is problem No. 4.

As Wong notes in his article, the government is now investigating foreign companies selling infant formula in China for price-fixing. (Since the scandal, the price of a can of foreign formula has risen by 30 percent.) Whether there is price-fixing or not - market forces are a more likely culprit - this response is exactly the problem: instead of enforcing regulations that would give consumers confidence in their own country's products, the government instead is finding ways to make life more difficult for those who make products its citizens want.

In the United States, of course, it has become religion among conservatives to denounce regulation, saying it stifles business and hinders economic growth. But consider: At the turn of the last century, America was as riddled with scam artists as China is today. Snake oil salesmen - literally - abounded. Food safety was a huge issue. In 1906, however, Upton Sinclair published "The Jungle," his exposé-novel about the meatpacking industry. That book, pointed out Stanley Lubman, a longtime expert in Chinese law, in a recent blog post in The Wall Street Journal, is what propelled Theodore Roosevelt to propose the Food and Drug Administration. Which, in turn, reformed meat-processing - among many other things - and gave consumers confidence in the food they ate and the products they bought.

That's what China needs now. Infant formula just scratches the surface.



## Republican Health Care Panic



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Leading Republicans appear to be nerving themselves up for another round of attempted fiscal blackmail. With the end of the fiscal year looming, they aren't offering the kinds of compromises that might produce a deal and avoid a government shutdown; instead, they're drafting extremist legislation - bills that would, for example, cut clean-water grants by 83 percent - that has no chance of becoming law. Furthermore, they're threatening, once again, to block any rise in the debt ceiling, a move that would damage the U.S. economy and possibly provoke a world financial crisis.

Yet even as Republican politicians seem ready to go on the offensive, there's a palpable sense of anxiety, even despair, among conservative pundits and analysts. Better-informed people on the right seem, finally, to be facing up to a horrible truth: Health care reform, President Barack Obama's signature policy achievement, is probably going to work.

And the good news about Obamacare is, I'd argue, what's driving the Republican Party's intensified extremism. Successful health reform wouldn't just be a victory for a president conservatives loathe, it would be an object demonstration of the falseness of right-wing ideology.

So Republicans are being driven into a last, desperate effort to head this thing off at the pass.

Some background: Although you'd never know it from all the fulminations, with prominent Republicans routinely comparing Obamacare to slavery, the Affordable Care Act is based on three simple ideas. First, all Americans should have access to affordable insurance, even if they have pre-existing medical problems. Second, people should be induced or required to buy insurance even if they're healthy, so that the risk pool remains reasonably favorable. Third, to prevent the insurance "mandate" from being too onerous, there should be subsidies to hold premiums down as a share of income.

Is such a system workable? For a while, Republicans convinced themselves that it was doomed to failure, and that they could profit politically from the inevitable "train wreck." But a system along exactly these lines has been operating in Massachusetts since 2006, where it was introduced by a Republican governor. What was his name? Mitt Romney, of course. And no trains have been wrecked so far.

The question is whether the Massachusetts success story can be replicated in other states, especially big states like California and New York with large numbers of uninsured residents. The answer to this question depends, in the first place, on whether insurance companies are willing to offer coverage at reasonable rates. And the answer, so far, is a clear "yes." In California, insurers came in with bids running significantly below expectations; in New York, it appears that premiums will be cut roughly in half.

So is this a case of something for nothing, in which nobody loses? No. In states like California, which have allowed discrimination based on health status, a small number of young, healthy, afflu-

ent residents will see their premiums go up. In New York, people who don't think they need insurance and are too rich to receive subsidies - probably an even smaller group - will feel put upon by being obliged to buy policies. Mainly, though, those insurance subsidies will cost money, and that money will, to an important extent, be raised through higher taxes on the 1 percent: tax increases that have, by the way, already taken effect.

Overall, then, health reform will help millions of Americans who were previously either too sick or too poor to get the coverage they needed, and also offer a great deal of reassurance to millions more who have insurance but fear losing it; it will provide these benefits at the expense of a much smaller number of other Americans, mostly the very well off. It is, if you like, a plan to comfort the afflicted while (slightly) afflicting the comfortable.

And the prospect that such a plan might succeed is anathema to a party whose whole philosophy is built around doing just the opposite, of taking from the "takers" and giving to the "job creators," known to the rest of us as the "rich." Hence the brinkmanship.

So will Republicans actually take us to the brink? If they do, it will be crucial to understand why they would do such a thing, when their own leaders have admitted that confrontations over the budget inflict substantial harm on the economy. It won't be because they fear the budget deficit, which is coming down fast. Nor will it be because they sincerely believe that spending cuts produce prosperity.

No, Republicans may be willing to risk economic and financial crisis solely in order to deny essential health care and financial security to millions of their fellow Americans. Let's hear it for their noble cause!





**Peaches in red wine.** Make sure the peaches you buy are not rock hard.

(Fred R. Conrad/The New York Times)

#### DAVID TANIS

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With hot, sultry weather comes luscious, sweet, juicy stone fruit: just what we've been waiting for. Peaches, nectarines, cherries, apricots and plums fall into this category, and they are the true delights of summer.

They all taste good together, whether baked in a cobbler or sliced for a fruit salad.

But let's focus on peaches. Most peaches are shipped firm and underripe, an unfortunate reality. Make sure the ones you buy are not rock hard and have skin that has already turned reddish-yellow, with no green patches. Then a few days at room temperature will suffice to make them soft and sweet.

Now, to peel or not to peel. For peaches that will be cooked, dipping them in boiling water for a brief moment makes the skin easily slip off. For peaches to be sliced and eaten raw, peeling with a sharp paring knife is preferable. With nectarines, it's OK to opt for unpeeled.

Here are two Italian methods to serve peaches to their best advantage as a dessert.

One way is rather brilliant. Cool red wine, spiced slightly or not, is poured over sliced peaches in a glass. It's a simple rustic-yet-elegant way to finish a meal. The tannins in the wine complement the fruit beautifully.

Another way, which requires a bit more finesse, is to serve peaches with

zabaglione, the traditional egg custard flavored with musky sweet Marsala wine. Other sweet wines may also be used, like sherry or spumante. It takes just a few minutes to make, whisking over a double boiler. Zabaglione can be served hot, but in summer it is better cool. The faint butterscotch caramel-y flavor seems custom-made to accompany peaches.

Of course you will need ripe peaches for either of these desserts. But if fate should bless you with perfumed, perfectly ripe sum-

## THE PEACH, DEFUZZED AND BESOTTED

mer peaches, forget about any further adornment. Eat them as is, outside, letting the ambrosial juices drip where they may.

#### PEACHES IN RED WINE

Time: 20 minutes, plus chilling

Yield: 4 to 6 servings

2 cups medium-bodied dry red wine, like gamay or Côtes du Rhône

1/4 cup sugar

1/2 teaspoon grated lemon zest

Pinch grated nutmeg

1/2 teaspoon grated ginger

1/8 teaspoon black pepper

4 large ripe peaches or nectarines

1/4 cup blackberries, for garnish (optional)

1. Put wine in a glass or stainless-steel bowl. Add sugar and stir to dissolve, then add lemon zest, nutmeg, ginger and black pepper. Chill well.

2. Peel peaches and cut into 1/2-inch wedges. Cover with plastic wrap and

chill.

3. To serve, pour 1/3 to 1/2 cup chilled wine mixture into 4 to 6 wide-mouthed wineglasses or coupes. Add sliced peaches to each glass, dividing them evenly. Garnish each portion with a few blackberries, if desired.

#### PEACHES WITH ZABAGLIONE

Time: 30 minutes, plus chilling

Yield: 4 to 6 servings

6 egg yolks

6 tablespoons sugar

1/2 cup dry Marsala wine

1/2 cup dry white wine

4 large peaches

1/4 cup raspberries, for garnish (optional)

Raspberry purée, see note (optional)

1. Make the zabaglione: In a double boiler or a bowl set over rapidly simmering water, whisk egg yolks and sugar together. Add Marsala and white wine and whisk well until mixture is warm and beginning to thicken, about 2 minutes.

2. Continue to whisk vigorously as mixture increases in volume, until it is the consistency of lightly whipped cream, 2 minutes more. Take care that the eggs do not overcook and become curdled.

3. Pour zabaglione into 4 to 6 wide-mouthed wineglasses or coupes and let cool to room temperature, then cover and refrigerate. Peel peaches and cut into 1/2-inch wedges. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate until chilled.

4. To serve, top each glass with sliced peaches, dividing them evenly. If desired, garnish with raspberries and drizzle with about a tablespoon of raspberry purée.

Note: To make raspberry purée, simmer 1/4 cup sugar, 1/4 cup water and 1/2 cup raspberries over a medium flame for about 5 minutes, until slightly thickened. Strain through a fine mesh sieve and refrigerate until chilled. Makes about 1/2 cup. □



**Peaches with zabaglione.** Make sure the peaches you buy have skin that has already turned reddish-yellow, with no green patch. (Fred R. Conrad/The New York Times)